

IV. BE **PLENTIFUL** IN YOUR CONTACTS

- A. The harvest is **great**.

“Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Luke 8:11

- B. If you want to have a big **harvest** then you have to plant a lot of **seeds**.

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” II Corinthians 9:6

V. BE **PERSISTENT** ABOUT YOUR FOLLOW-UP

- A. Do not be disappointed if people do not get saved the **first** time they attend.

The Law Of Three Hearings:

Research shows the average newcomer doesn't receive Christ the first time they attend, but must come an average of **three** times.

We must be **process** oriented, not **decision** oriented.

- B. We must **cultivate** the seed in order to reap a harvest.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.” I Corinthians 3:6

Will You Use The Ordinary Action Of Your Invitation To Be A Difference Maker?

THE DIFFERENCE MAKER **Ordinary Actions For Eternal Impact** **My Invitation Can Make A Difference** **Pastor Steve Reynolds**

INTRODUCTION

- A. Are you ready to be a Difference Maker? If you are like most people, there's something about sharing your faith that makes you clam up. When you think about talking to the unbelievers in your life about God, you worry that you may say the wrong things or that they may think negatively of you. But those thoughts are whispers and lies from an enemy hoping to keep you trapped in a life of little impact. God has called you to be a difference maker by being a light for Him.

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

- B. God has uniquely positioned you to influence those around you for him. He wants to partner with you in changing people's lives both now and for eternity. This teaching series will show you how you can begin using your everyday life to make a difference in the lives of those who don't know Jesus.

Jan 6	My Readiness Can Make A Difference
Jan 20	My Story Can Make A Difference
Jan 27	My Good News Can Make A Difference
Feb 3	My Generosity Can Make A Difference
TODAY	My Invitation Can Make A Difference
Feb 17	My Love Can Make A Difference
Feb 24	My Commitment Can Make A Difference

- C. **TEXT:** John 1:35-49 (Pew Bible/Pg.1042/New Testament)

MY INVITATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Difference Maker Principle: My invitation can make an eternal difference.

I. BE **PRAYERFUL** IN YOUR LIFE

A. **Identify** people in your circle of influence.

“Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.” Colossians 4:5

B. **Pray** for the people in your circle of influence.

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.” Romans 10:1

II. BE **PERSONAL** IN YOUR APPROACH

A. **Invest** and **Invite**.

“7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”

I Thessalonians 2:7-8

B. People don’t care how much we know until they know how much we care.

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, ...”
Proverbs 18:24a

III. BE **POSITIVE** IN YOUR PRESENTATION

A. Be **glad**

“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.” Psalm 122:1

- Most people think “**boring**” when they hear the word church.
- You are a walking **advertisement** for Capital Baptist Church, therefore be positive.

B. Tell them to “**COME** AND **SEE**” (John 1:35-46).

People today are **consumer** oriented in choosing a church home. They want to know what’s in it for **me**!! Emphasize the **good** things about our church (the things you enjoy and also the things they would enjoy).

1. The **Purpose** Of Our Church.

C.B.C. exists to lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus.

2. The **Personality** Of Our Church.
“For People Like You”

3. The **Programs** Of Our Church.

- Nursery
- Children
- Youth
- Adult
- Music
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4. The **People** Of Our Church.
Pastor(s), Growth Group Leader(s), Friend(s), etc,

5. The **Pleasures** (benefits) Of Our Church

- Faith, Family & Friends
- Relevant Biblical Messages
- Diverse
- Relaxed & Warm Atmosphere
- Clean & Caring Nursery
- Great Programs For Children & Teens
- Single & Married Adult Activities
- Opportunities to make a difference