TIPS FOR MAKING GREAT INVITATIONS

“I just want other people to experience the same joy that I felt... and if I can help them find God, then why not?”

-Angel Mariscal
Bakersfield College, Delano Campus

Tips for You (The Inviter)

• Know why you are inviting your friends.
  o You love your friends
  o You long for them to encounter Jesus for themselves
  o ______________________________________

• Know the barriers you face to making bold and winsome invitations.
  o Fear of rejection (people might say no!)
  o Fear of being awkward
  o Being busy, not prioritizing it or being intentional
  o ______________________________________

• Be intentional: Plan when, where, how, and who you will invite.

Tips for Making Your Invitation:

• Avoid “Christiany” language that carries baggage or that your friends won’t understand. “Bible study” could mean a variety of things to your friends, but it probably won’t mean for them what it does for you.
  Instead of “I’m having a Bible study” try ”I’m hosting a discussion group talking about the life of Jesus.”

• Give them all of the important details like time and location.
  A flier with all of the info can be really helpful here too.

• Make sure to communicate personally and specifically why this will be good for them.
  “I’m hosting a discussion group on the life of Jesus this Thursday night and you’re one of the first people I thought about inviting. I know that you’re a really spiritual person and I always appreciate your perspective on things. I’d love for you to come!”