

# the difference maker

Using My Every Day to Impact the Eternal

## My Invitation Can Make a Difference

Sunday, September 26 | Tommy Duke

First Baptist Church of Garden City

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### John 1:40-51 (NLT) – The Story of Andrew & Peter

<sup>40</sup> "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means 'Christ').

<sup>42</sup> Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, 'Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas' (which means 'Peter').

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Come, follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown.

<sup>45</sup> Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

<sup>46</sup> 'Nazareth!' exclaimed Nathanael. 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' 'Come and see for yourself,' Philip replied. <sup>47</sup> As they approached, Jesus said, 'Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.'

<sup>48</sup> 'How do you know about me?' Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, 'I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.'

<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael exclaimed, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!'

<sup>50</sup> Jesus asked him, 'Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.' <sup>51</sup> Then he said, 'I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.'"

#### **Difference Maker Principle:**

God wants me to invite my friends  
to come to church with me!

#### **HOW CAN MY INVITATION CHANGE THE WORLD?**

##### **1. BELIEVE THAT JESUS \_\_\_\_\_.**

"...our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." – 2 Timothy 1:10

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

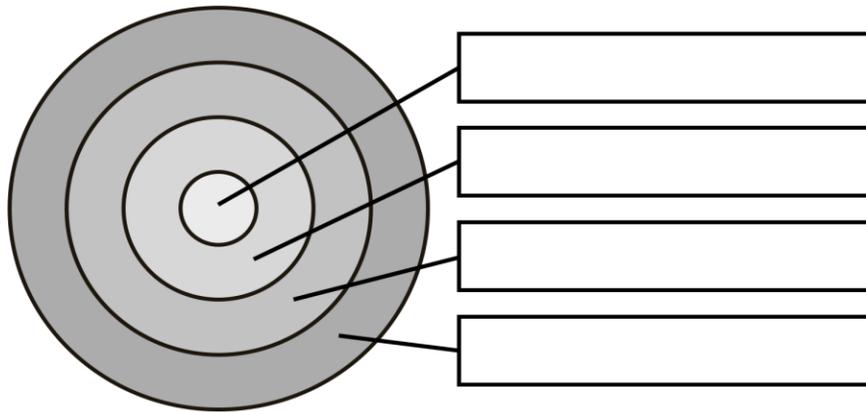
##### **2. RECOGNIZE THAT JESUS \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### **Memory Verse:**

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." – Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

**3. IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN \_\_\_\_\_.**

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



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**4. CARE ENOUGH TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’” – John 1:46*

*“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” – Acts 20:24 (NLT)*

**5. EXPERIENCE GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’” – Matthew 25:23 (NLT)*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize Matthew 28:19-20.
- Pray for God to “use me” and give me opportunities to invite my friends, family, and co-workers to church with me.
- Invite 5 friends to the kickoff of our fall teaching series, *“The Greatest Stories Ever Told,”* next Sunday, October 3.
- Sign up for Fall Growth Group # \_\_\_\_\_.

Join Us Next Weekend for our Fall Kickoff:

***The Greatest Stories Ever Told***

**The Parables of Jesus**

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