

## FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE UNCHURCHED

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Friend Day is at the end of the month. February 26<sup>th</sup> to be exact. You are encouraged to bring at least one person with you on Friend Day. I have learned that it takes five commitments to get one person in church that day. So don't just invite one and hope they show up, invite as many as you can, and don't stop until you have at least 5 people that tell you that they are going to be here.

I recently read an article about research that was done on unchurched people. People who don't go to church anywhere. I'm going to share with you 5 insights from that article.

1. Most unchurched people do indeed have some church background. There was a time in their life whenever they did go to church regularly.
2. Most unchurched people quit going to church simply because they got out of the habit.
3. One-third of the unchurched have plans to go back to church in the future. Did you read that? They have plans to go back to church. Many of them just don't know where to go. Many of them are just waiting for someone to invite them.
4. Most of the unchurched are open to a conversation about church. In fact, 8 out of 10 said that they would welcome a conversation about God, the Bible and the church. Many church people use the excuse that, "Nobody wants to hear what I have to say about God and the church." Statistics say that is not true. In fact, it appears that more of them are willing to listen than we are to speak.
5. Most of the unchurched said that they would go to church if somebody would invite them.

Now the question is, "Will you invite them?"

I read something years ago that I have never forgotten. It said, "He that is on his way to Heaven, is not content to go alone."

God saved us to help save others. He called us out of darkness into His marvelous light that we might show forth His praise. That we might make Him known. That we might invite the unchurched to come to church with us and experience the power of God for themselves.

Please join me and the staff in inviting everyone you know to come to church with you on Friend Day. Let's fill this place to overflowing and see lives changed and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.