

Invitation  
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**God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.**

Many Scripture passages describe Jesus as God's \_\_\_\_\_.

If you want to be a servant of God, we should look to Jesus as our role model.

*"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."* Philippians 2:5-8 (New Living Translation)

When God invites, there is a window of opportunity for our response, and if we don't respond quickly, that opportunity is gone..." Henry Blackaby

*"On the night before Jesus' crucifixion, Peter said to the Lord 'Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!' And He said, 'I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.'" Luke 22:33-34 (Berean Study Bible)*

God also knows the exact \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith.

He knows what you can handle.

Our own hearts can \_\_\_\_\_ us.

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9

We often have a higher estimate of our faithfulness and trust in God than we should. God is never fooled.

He always \_\_\_\_\_ His assignments with our character and faith in Him.

**CHARACTER** - takes a lifetime to form

God is more interested in your \_\_\_\_\_ than your \_\_\_\_\_!

**God's overarching goal:** To \_\_\_\_\_ the world to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* Luke 19:10

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9

## So How Do I Know It is God Speaking?

\*\* Forensic science: You look for things that **ONLY** God can do.

God \_\_\_\_\_ people to Himself.

*“For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me...”* John 6:44a

God causes people to \_\_\_\_\_ after Him.

*“No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.”* Romans 3:11 (New Living Translation)

God \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truth.

*“...If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* John 8:31-32 (Berean Study Bible)

God convicts the world of guilt regarding sin.

God convicts the world of righteousness.

God convicts the world of judgment.

*“But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged.”* John 16:7-11 (New Living Translation)

### Our part:

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_. 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Questions. 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

What God \_\_\_\_\_, He \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah confirmed this when God said through him.

*“...Yes, I have spoken; so I will also bring it about. I have planned it; I will also do it.”*  
Isaiah 46:11b (Christian Standard Bible)