



An Exercise in Identifying and Inviting

As you engage in this exercise, be mindful there is tremendous variety to the people who may be ready for this VP3 process. God, after all, is not in the mass-production business. “The Bible makes it clear that every time there is a story of faith, it is completely original. God’s creative genius is endless,” writes Eugene Peterson.

Find some quiet, uninterrupted space where you can think and pray and brainstorm the names of men and women who you might invite to join the group. As you read down the list below, be open to the many faces that come to your mind, pencil in their names next to the kind of person described. When you have finished brainstorming, prayerfully compose a list on the back of this sheet of folks you want to invite to join you or to come to an informational gathering/meeting and learn more. Remember, inviting is best done through a personal, shoulder-tapping, coffee-sharing conversation.

- Those looking for something more in their faith journey, no matter where they are now
- Those who ask thoughtful spiritual questions
- Those who care about the church
- Those who have a burden or passion for the world and desire to serve
- Those who seem eager to learn
- Those already in leadership roles
- Those you would like to prepare Christianly for leadership
- Those experiencing life transition because of season of life or circumstances
- Those considering career changes
- Those who have recently retired and are seeking meaningful ways to invest in others or serve
- Those who are attracted to you and are positively responding to you
- Those busy, high performing people who are looking for a space and a place to address the biggest questions of their lives

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