THE POWER OF AN INVITATION

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 - –Not just people who <u>don't</u> share their faith, but people who say it is <u>wrong</u> to do so.

- The Power of Word of Mouth:
- Evangelism is a command from Christ Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16
 - –John told and brought his brother John 1:40-42; 44-46
 - –Christians went about telling the Good news Acts 8:1-4
 - -Phillip answered a Bible question Acts 8:30-35

- The Power of an Invitation:
 - –"The churches that are growing, really all they're doing is encouraging their people to *invite their friends*, its not any more rocket science than that..." – Carey Nieuwof

- The Power of an Invitation:
 - -"Churches that grow, grow because people who are in that church are excited about what's happening and are inviting their friends..."
 - –"They concluded that it's important enough not only for me to come, but for me to invite my friends..."

- It Takes a Church:
 - -To have edifying Bible classes. 1 Cor. 14:26
 - -To have uplifting worship. Col. 3:16
 - -To be a family of caring Christians. Heb. 13:1-2
 - -To pray for lost souls and opportunities to teach. Ezekiel 36:37-38

- Need Buy In
 - -We need to be sold on the work that is going on here at Country Club Road.
 - -We need to be sold on what Christ offers! John 10:10; 6:68
 - -We need to be sold on the power of the Gospel. Romans 1:16

- Way to get involved <u>today</u>:
 - -Invitation cards.
 - -Community Bible study.
 - -Practicing hospitality.
 - -Being 100% committed to the work.