



Imagine what God could do in and through you if your heart was fully surrendered to him. Imagine what God could do in and through you if you were fully committed to him. Imagine what God could do in and through us together if we had a fully resourced church. Imagine what God could do in this region and around the world if every one of us said, “I’m in.” Find out how God’s vision can become a reality in your life and in our church as we study the very words of Jesus in this 4 week series.

Discussion Questions: (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Matthew 11:25-30. Apart from the invitation of the gospel, what is the best invitation you have ever received? What made it so great? Explain.

2. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus offers us the greatest invitation ever. His invitation has three parts. Looking at it, explain in your own words what each part means:
 - i. **The Call** – *Come to me all you who are weary and burdened (v.28a).*
 - ii. **The Command**–*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart . . . My yoke is easy and my burden is light (vv.29a and 30).*
 - iii. **The Promise** – *and you will find rest for your soul (vv.28b and 29b).*

3. In Matthew 11:27, Jesus makes an exclusive claim that the only way we can know God is by knowing Jesus. Our politically correct, tolerant world says this is narrow-minded and exclusive. Instead they claim that all paths/religions lead to God. How is this seemingly inclusive claim actually self-contradictory and based on an exclusive claim? How is this exclusive claim of Jesus really an inclusive invitation?

4. Although Jesus’ invitation is open to all, Matthew 11:25-26 says not everyone will respond favorably to it. There are those who are “wise and learned” in their own eyes, and as a result will reject God’s revelation of Jesus. And there are those who like “little children” will admit their need for God’s revelation of Jesus and humbly receive him. Looking again at Jesus’ invitation (vv.28-30), how will you respond to God’s revelation today?

5. There is a big difference between knowing about God and knowing God personally. Explain the difference. If you have not yet come to know God personally by accepting Jesus’ invitation, what keeps you from doing so today? If you already have, what are you learning from Jesus as you take to his yoke?