



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 11:16-30
Title: You're Invited
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Discussion Starter – How would you explain by the use and the understanding of the scriptures that everyone is invited to know God? Why do you think this is such a debated topic?

Jesus' Invitation (Matthew 11-16-30)

- Read Matthew 11:16-19. In what way are these verses to be viewed in light of Jesus' invitation?
- Why did Jesus rebuke the cities for rejecting His invitation (Matthew 11:20-24)? What significant thing were they not seeing?
- How are we to interpret the meaning of the word woe that Jesus uses twice in verse 21? What does that say about Jesus and His love for us? How is the story of Jonah and Nineveh an example of this type of love?
- What was unique about these cities Jesus mentions here and what was there main problem for not responding to His invitation? How is this message also applicable for us today?
- Read Matthew 11:25-26. What do these verses reveal about the relationship of Jesus with God the Father? How is what Jesus states about the wise and the babes in these verses relate to the previous verses...and what is the point that Jesus is making?
- What is the big claim that Jesus makes in verse 27? To whom would this statement be offensive to, and why?
- Jesus wants to reveal God to us. Read Matthew 11:28-30, Luke 14:23-24 and Zephaniah 3:17. Why is God so obsessed with pursuing us and not just letting us do what we think we want, including not following Him? How have you seen this to be true in your life?
- Jesus wants to also reveal God to us as a visionary. He has a plan and a purpose for our life. Read Jeremiah 29:10-11. If we look at this verse in the proper context, how might this help us in understanding God's vision for our lives? How is this verse often misused by Christians today?
- Read Matthew 10:16-39. Jesus is revealing that God is straightforward by letting us know that being a Christian comes at a cost. Summarize In your own words the three key areas of difficulty we will face as Christians in following Jesus. What enables us to endure these things?
- What does it mean to labor and to be heavy laden? Who does this apply to? How can taking on Jesus' yoke help us? How is this inviting us into a forever partnership with Jesus?
- Describe what it means to have the rest that Jesus is talking about here in verse 28? How does this rest differ from what the world call rest? Read John 3:27-30. What insights do these verses give us on how we can find rest in our lives?