

## 7. "Invite Styles"

**What's Your Style? Take a moment to think about the following list and then share with your group what you believe is your invite style.**

*(Check pgs 145-148 for more details.)*

- Confrontational (in-your-face)
- Intellectual (explain all the facts)
- Testimonial (share my story)
- Interpersonal (lead my friends)
- Invitational (Invite to church or events)
- Serving (Caring directly for others needs)

**8. What study is your group going to do next? Plan your next group meeting and discuss what study you will be taking on as a group.**



**My SEISMIC SHIFT for this week:  
Who am I inviting for Friend Day?**

**Prayer List:** Take a few moments to share prayer needs with your group. Write them down here and have someone volunteer to pray specifically for each individual need during prayer time.

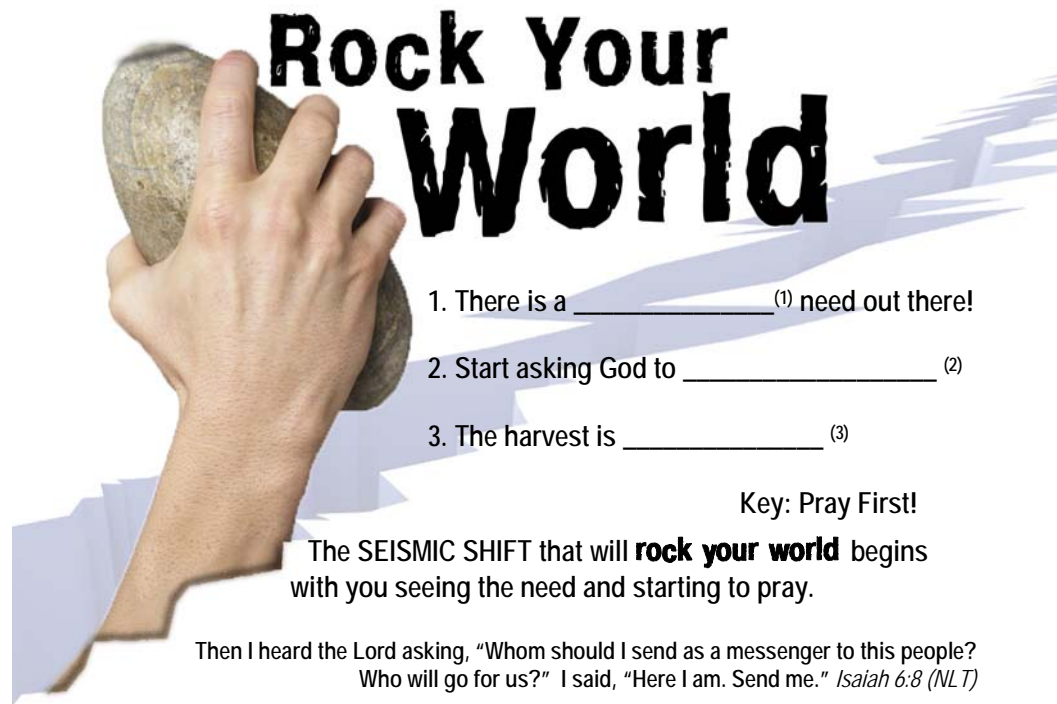
**Group Project:** What steps do you and your group need to take this week to further your support of the ministry you have adopted?

All of us own a piece of this ROCK we call THE EARTH. There is a space you inhabit that no one else can live on but you. It's on that piece of this ROCK that you get to make the biggest changes and the changes you make effect everyone around you. God placed you here on your piece of this ROCK to make an impact. **Your Seismic Shifts rock your world!**



the little changes that

*"When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:36 - 38 (NLT)*



1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> need out there!
2. Start asking God to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup>
3. The harvest is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup>

**Key: Pray First!**

The SEISMIC SHIFT that will **rock your world** begins with you seeing the need and starting to pray.

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." *Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)*

## How Do We Respond?

*What in the World are we to do?*

Give the BIG \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup>

Key: (1) Huge (2) Send more help! (3) great (4) Invite (5) Easily fooled (6) Often ignore (7) More (8) Mine! (9) God's (10) generosity (11) Holding (12) Sharing (13) Consuming (14) Investing

"She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did. Do you think he might be the Christ?"

<sup>30</sup>So the people left the town and went to see Jesus." *John 4:28-29*



I will purposefully invite others into relationship with Jesus Christ.



<sup>5</sup>We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. <sup>6</sup>I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. <sup>7</sup>It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. <sup>9</sup>For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building."

*1 Corinthians 3:5-9*



(1) I will spend consistent time with God.

(2) I will focus my worship.

(3) I will treat myself like God's Temple.

(4) I will reach outside myself to others.

(5) I will regard everything I have as God's.

(6) I will purposefully invite others into relationship with Jesus.

## Growth Group Discussion Starters

**1. Who rocked your world?** Take a few minutes to go around your group and have everyone share who it was that played the biggest part in their coming into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**2. Read Matthew 9:35-38.** Jesus uses the image of the harvest and harvesters. The harvest are the people who have not yet come to faith in Jesus Christ. The harvesters are those who already know Jesus and are called to go and share. What is Jesus telling us about the harvest and those who are sent to bring it in?

**3. One of the ways** we can make the shift from focusing on ourselves to reaching our world is by remembering what we are because of Jesus. Working as a group, list all of the enduring things we receive when we become children of God through faith in Jesus. Now list all of the things those who are not followers of Jesus have that are eternal value.

**4. What are some risks** that Jesus took to reach out to people who were confused and helpless? What were some of the consequences of the risks Jesus took?

**5. Reaching out to others** can be messy and costly. But it is always worth the investment when God brings in a harvest of people who come to faith in Jesus. What risk is God calling you to take so that you can share his love more effectively?

**6. Go around the group** and have everyone share one person they are working at inviting into relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday is Friend Day, take time to pray for both the inviter and the one you are trying to invite. (Stop with each person and take a moment to pray specifically for the one being invited. Different members of your group can take turns praying.)