Dear Lexie,

A Spiritual Invitation

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There are a few times each year when even the most spiritually unconcerned pay attention to the idea that God exists or that He can make a positive change in their lives. This is one of those times. During the resurrection season people are more open to spiritual invitations and conversations. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He commissioned the disciples to go into all the world preaching the good news of Jesus. What better news is there than the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that makes a way for us where there was no way and gives us hope in a seemingly hopeless world!

As present day Christians we have the very same commission. And so, in celebration of the resurrection, let us go out into our neighborhoods, our work places, our communities and share an invitation to the Resurrected One. Starting tonight and extending into Sunday we have several worship services at Sligo Church that provide the perfect opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to church. Perhaps a seed will be planted, a conversation started, or a soul restored.
Resurrection Weekend – Bring a Friend

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“WATER IS THICKER THAN BLOOD” DAT Feature: We Have This Hope!!

As we celebrate every year the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we rejoice together in a great weekend celebration with family and friends. Though we often invite people to join us through conventional means, this year we are making an extra effort in inviting our friends to be a part of this celebration. We want to use this event as an opportunity for all of us to invite our friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

In order to make this even easier we have prepared 1500 door-hangers, just over 1,000 will be distributed on March 16th after second service to our local community. We invite you to dedicate an hour of your time in helping us distribute this invitation in our community. But wait! We ordered another 500 extra door hangers for you to distribute in your own local neighborhood as you invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate with us.

But we didn’t stop there. we also made an extra 500 PERSONAL INVITATIONS for the events. These invitation will be made available so that you can invite your close friends, family, and neighbors to church this resurrection weekend. We pray that you may use these tools and seize the opportunity to share the good news of His Resurrection and His soon return.
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This is yet another great opportunity to bring our friends, family, neighbors, and peers into contact with our campus and church. We would really appreciate your support and presence in this event and we hope that you will bring some friends along too!

More information from WAU:

Washington Adventist University’s (WAU) annual Family Fun Festival is a community celebration during WAU’s alumni weekend. This popular event draws crowds from around the greater Washington, D.C. area. More than 4,000 people attend the event hosted on our historic campus in Takoma Park, Maryland. The festival provides an opportunity for the community to experience the wealth of resources available in education and health at Washington Adventist University and Adventist HealthCare. All activities will be geared toward fun and learning for all ages.

This year the festival will focus on “Community Safety, Education and Wellness.” WAU and its health partner, Adventist HealthCare, will promote activities focused on building safer, healthier, educated communities. In addition to presentations on health and wellness, attendees will be exposed to safety programs for seniors, CPR and first aide, free blood pressure screenings, child abuse prevention and school safety.

Come join the fun. A showcase of music artists sponsored by WGTS 91.9; delicious foods from area restaurants and caterers, a farmers market, and an abundance of activities for big kids and small kids.

Sunday, April 14, 2013 – 12 noon –5pm, on the campus of Washington Adventist University.

We welcome your support. If you would like to get involved in our partnership, please visit
the sponsor or vendor section on our website. Let's come together and build successful partnerships for our community.

For more information on the Family Fun Festival, contact us by email: festival @ wau . edu, or call 301–576–0105.
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Once, when Jesus was walking the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee, he came upon two men, Simon and Andrew. Jesus gave them an offer they apparently couldn’t refuse: “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And just like that they went. Farther up the beach the trio came upon James and John mending nets with their father and the hired men. Jesus called them too, and they dropped everything and went with him.

We’ve read these verses so many times their sharp edges have worn off. We don’t see this incident as unusual anymore. But the fact is that four men gave up their jobs to follow someone they did not know to places they’d never been in order to do things they couldn’t conceive of doing for purposes they couldn’t imagine.

Maybe these weren’t the first people Jesus had called. Maybe he’d been turned down flat by others, but he would not be deterred from his mission, so he kept at it until he got a response. The entrance requirements for this job were simple: if he called and you answered, you were in. The proof that you were the right person was that you jumped at the chance. Not everybody did. Jesus said later that many are called, but few are chosen, which might suggest that Jesus himself had a particular type of person in mind, someone that he would recognize once he saw that person.

But there’s another angle to the story in the way John’s Gospel tells it. In his version John the Baptist is talking to two of his disciples the day after he has encountered Jesus for the first time. John makes it clear that he did not know Jesus, but that he was baptizing in order to draw Jesus out to be revealed to Israel. When he saw the Spirit descending on Jesus he knew he’d found the right one.
The next day, standing with two of his disciples, he watched Jesus walk by, and he said, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ And immediately these two trailed after Jesus until he turned and asked them what they were looking for. ‘Where are you staying?’ they asked, discreetly angling for an invitation. ‘Come and see,” said Jesus, and so they spent the rest of the day with him. That initial meeting was enough to convince Andrew, who brought his brother Simon, back to meet Jesus.

The day after that—and John is specific about this—Jesus headed to Galilee. He found Philip, who was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown, and simply said, ‘Follow me.’ Philip went looking for his brother in order to tell him that he’d found the one of whom Moses and the prophets spoke. Nathanael was skeptical. “Something good coming from Nazareth?,” he asked. Philip didn’t argue but simply said, ‘Come and see.’ And when Jesus saw Nathanael he commended him for being a straight-up fellow, someone who wasn’t trying to be something he wasn’t and who wouldn’t be swayed without evidence.

On the third day, says John, Jesus took his disciples up to a wedding in Cana and saved the party by providing the best wine when asked. In three days, by John’s account, Jesus formed his group and performed a miracle that revealed who he was to the disciples.

For me the interest in this story lies not in the conflicting details in the gospels of where, when, and whom, but in the mindset of those who were called and chosen. What were they thinking? How did they overcome their prejudices? How did they learn to see and hear what others had ignored? This is all the more remarkable, given the fact that, as anthropologist Edward Hall notes in his book, The Silent Language, “once people have learned to learn in a given way it is extremely hard for them to learn in any other way.”

Perhaps they heard and saw and acted, despite their questions, because in acting they understood they would live their way into the answers.