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LETTING PEOPLE SEE

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INTRODUCTION

Being invitational is one of our core values here at Prairie Lakes Church. Just as God invited us into His family, He asks us to be invitational and include others. No one meets and follows Jesus without being included by someone, so we should always be looking for ways to invite friends, family and co-workers into our circles. Summer's relaxed pace of life gives us more opportunities to do just that. As we enter this season of sun and fun, we are looking at the practice of INCLUDE – inviting others into my life so they can see Jesus at work in me.

DISCUSSION

1. *But, what if I blow it in front of them?* **Read 1 John 1:8-10.** We all have sins in our lives. If we confess our sins, God will forgive us of those sins. Faith shines brightest on the other side of our failures. Has there been a time when you were able to let someone see Jesus at work in your failures?
2. *But, what if I'm struggling in my own life?* **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.** No one is perfect except God. If we try to portray perfection, we magnify the disconnect from God. Has there been a time when you were able to let someone see Jesus at work in the midst of a struggle?
3. *But, what if I'm messing up?* **Read Romans 6.** Continuing to let sin be an excuse for not including is an obstacle to us not including well. How can we let someone see Jesus at work on our sins?

THINK ABOUT IT

The greatest gift you can give to a spiritually disconnected friend is a front row seat on how you handle your failures. We are not called to perfection but instead show there is strength through God in our times of weakness. Can you imagine the impact on disconnected people of authentically walking through difficult struggles? It is our mission to help people see Jesus and love Him. There is no more time for excuses; they have to stop.

DO SOMETHING

1. Ask yourself the question, "When people are getting to know me, are they getting to know Jesus better as well?" If the answer is no, you need to begin asking God to help you take next steps to become more of a disciple for Him. You may want to consider becoming part of a Protégé class.
2. For Iowans, especially those who are spiritually disconnected from God and others, seeing is believing. Seeing faith helps build faith. What are some specific examples, from your own life, of God being faithful to you? Find opportunities to share those experiences with someone who is disconnected from Him.
3. Either as a small group or family, continue looking for opportunities to invite people into your life so they can see Jesus at work in you.

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