

“The Key to Influencing”

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Luke 24:29-32

They urge him strongly.

“Stay with us!”

Because . . . “the day is almost over.”

Luke 24:30-31

1 Peter 4:8-10

Acts 2:46-47

Matthew 26:18

Matthew 25:40

Opening the door to your home:

1. Extend a sincere **invitation**.
2. Be **excited** when they arrive.
3. Offer gracious **hospitality**.
4. Say good-bye with a **blessing**.

Myths About the Unchurched

- ▶ Less than 40% of Americans attend church services on a typical weekend.

Each new generation becomes increasingly unchurched:

- ▶ Slightly over one-half of the *builder* generation (born before 1946) attends church on a typical weekend.
- ▶ Around 40% of the *boomer* generation (born between 1946-1964) attend regularly.
- ▶ Around 34% of the *buster* generation (born 1965-1976) attend regularly.
- ▶ Less than 30% of the *bridger* generation (born 1977-1994) attend regularly and only 4% of that generation have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior!

Over 80% of American adults say that “religious faith is very important in their lives.”

Matthew 25:34-35

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