

# CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

## “Invest and Invite”

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “**This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.**”* **Luke 15:1-2 (NIV)**

*Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. **Doesn’t he** leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep **until** he finds it? **Luke 15:3-4 (NIV)**”*

*And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will **be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons** who do not need to repent. **Luke 15:5-7 (NIV)***

**THE NINETY-NINE ARE IMPORTANT, BUT THE URGENCY IS FOR THE ONE WHO IS LOST.**

*“For the Son of Man came to **seek and save** those who are lost.” **Luke 19:10 (NLT)***

**We make our decisions based on those we can REACH, not those we can KEEP.**

### **INVEST AND INVITE**

*The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” **“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”** So, they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was*

one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. **The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon** and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). **And he brought him to Jesus.** Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). **John 1:35-42 (NIV)**

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. **Philip found Nathanael** and told him... **John 1:43-45a (NIV)**

...“We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. **“Come and see,”** said Philip. **John 1:45b-46 (NIV)**