*12StoneChurchResources*

**Conversation Sunday**
**March 11, 2018**
**10:30 a.m.**

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# The Call

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BODY PRAYER                                    ~credited to Julian of Norwich
    Await, Allow, Accept, Attend.

*PRAISE                    "*Lead Me, Guide Me"*                 #2214 FWS

# The Conversation

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION            *Psalm 19*            Vineyard Classics

RESPONSIVE READING            *Psalm 107*

SCRIPTURE                John 3:16-18; Ephesians 4:3-6; Mark 2:13-17

CHILDREN'S HYMN            "*The Summons"* (vs 5)            #2130 FWS

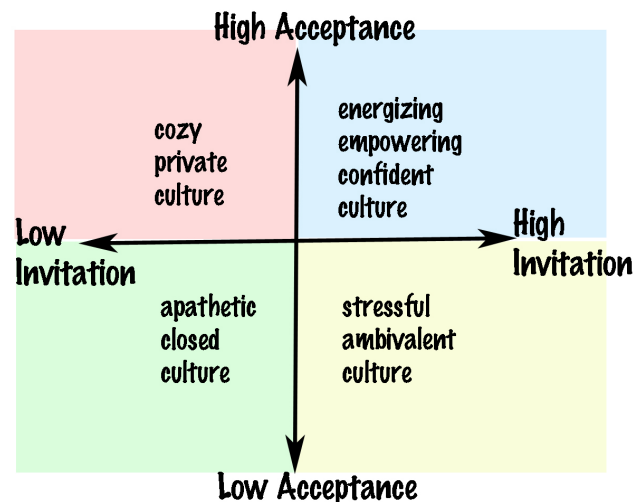CHILDREN'S TIME                                    *BAM! A Surprise!*

A TIME OF CONVERSATION
*† = We will dismiss ourselves to various locations. Please follow directions to determine which group you will join this morning.*

Take a look at this diagram ➜ Bishop Ough shared the diagram with Clergy Leadership Academy on Thursday.

- What word or phrase best describes the culture of hospitality at Epworth?
- What is one cultural shift that needs to happen at Epworth to move toward a more radical hospitality?
- Where or how have you seen God at work in your life or around you recently?
- "How is it with your soul?" How have you experienced God's grace? How have you heard Jesus call you to Follow?

High Acceptance

cozy private culture

energizing empowering confident culture

Low Invitation

High Invitation

apathetic closed culture

stressful ambivalent culture

Low Acceptance

Acceptance is a Value
Invitation is a Behavior

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS
*† = Please share specific Joys and Concerns with your group. Take notes, and pray together as you complete your conversation. Thank you!*

# The Community

SHARING OUR THOUGHTS

*CLOSING HYMN          ***"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"***          #348 UMH

*SENDING                                                                    ~Ministry Matters
　　　Jesus recognizes us and calls to each of us, "Follow Me."
　　　Jesus dines with us and sets an expansive table.
　　　Jesus sends us to extend the invitation. **AMEN**.

**\***POSTLUDE

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| ***We welcome you as children of God.*** <br> ***We hope in this place you will experience God's love and grace.*** |
| ➢ There is also nursery care for children under 5. <br> ➢ Youth can sit with families or can sit in the "Youth Pew" with other youth. <br> ➢ **There are large print hymnals available upon request.** |