

**INTRO**

- When last were you invited to something?  
When last were you challenged to do something specific?

Resolved means “firmly determined to do something.” This series aims to inspire and equip us to live our lives with resolve around PEBCI, both individually and as a church community.

**READ**

Matt 11:28-30

**REFLECT & RESPOND**

Jesus regularly interacted with a variety of people. A pattern emerges of him consistently inviting and challenging those he interacted with to take the next step in their faith. For example, it has been stated that Jesus offered 4 stages of invitation and challenge:

- Come and See (experience Jesus)
- Come and Be (change and grow like him)
- Come and Do (participate in his ministry)
- Come and Go (replicate his mission)

Jesus’ love for others involved both invitation and challenge. Some of us are more at home on the invitation side, others on the challenge side:

INVITATION & CHALLENGE APPROACH



*Qu: where would you place yourself in the matrix? Why? In which direction do you need to grow the most, invitation or challenge?*

The final step on our PEBCI card is Invite. This means we are trying to help the people we are praying for, building relationship, blessing, and connecting with, take the next step towards Jesus.

In Mt 11:28-30, Jesus offers both a relational invitation and challenge to anyone recognizing their need:

**Come to me, and I will give you rest.**

All of us, in both religious and irreligious ways, try to build our lives apart from Jesus. This striving and self-salvation burdens and wearies us.

*Qu: what next step can you help somebody take toward Jesus? Would inviting them to a Sunday service, small group, or other opportunity be appropriate?*

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.**

*“May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi.”*  
— 1st century Jewish blessing

We are all covered in the dust of someone or something we’re following. The challenge is to become a lifelong apprentice of Jesus. Even today, an apprentice learning a trade needs to spend time with, become like, and do what their mentor does.

It is no different apprenticing Jesus.

*Qu: what does being with Jesus look like in your life? Do you have people who lovingly challenge you toward Jesus, his community, and his mission?*

**RESPOND & PRAY**

- Pray for one another in light of ways we need to grow towards Jesus and others.
- Pray for opportunities with those on your PEBCI card.