

Central Pa Youth Ministries

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How many unchurched people are within a 20 minute drive of your church? Enough to fill your church building? What might you do to encourage the unchurched to attend this week?

Try this story out. One of our staff does a monthly Saturday Night Lock-In. One rule, if you attend you must go to church on Sunday morning with him. In an effort to get these unchurched teens familiar with the various churches in his community he has been taking the teens to a different church each month.

Last month he took them to his small little church where he and his wife help to lead the singing each Sunday morning. For several weeks he had been teaching these unchurched teens some worship choruses. So this particular Sunday morning the teens joined he and his wife on the platform. It just so happened that one of the gals lived just across the street from this church. She had told her mother what she would be doing that Sunday morning, so mom shows up.

Our club leader did not know mom was in the audience. He shared that morning some things concerning where the teens were spiritually and specifically that this gal was being changed by the power of the Gospel. After the worship service mom came up to our staff person in tears. She too had noticed some very positive changes in her daughter. And, get this, she asked if she would be allowed to attend this church.

Even though she lived across the street, no one from the church had ever invited her to a church service. A recent survey of people who had been unchurched but now attend a church on a regular bases was conducted. They were asked why they had started to attend a church service. The number one reason? **Some one had asked them to church.** Now that is a novel idea!

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