**HOW TO BE A CHANGE CATALYST**

PART 4 // Bullet Points

* Nick Vujicic's story: Born with tetra-amelia syndrome (no limbs), overcame depression and loneliness through faith and the support of friends in church.
* Emphasize how these friends included Nick in their life and church community.
* Parallel to the story of the prodigal son:
  + Younger brother asked for his father's inheritance and left home, leading to a life of hardship.
  + Upon returning home, the father, filled with compassion, saw him from afar and ran to him.
  + Interpretation: The father is God, ready to embrace us when we return to him.
* Key message: Importance of an orientation towards inclusion.
* Our church should be a place where you can belong before you believe.
* Illustrate the father in the prodigal son's story:
  + Picture him looking to the horizon, anticipating his son's return.
  + Connect this to us looking out for those seeking God.
  + Encourage active inclusion of people in our lives and community.
* Over time, our social circles tend to shrink - challenge this trend.
* Discussion on the next level of inviting - inclusion.
* How can we open our lives to include both followers and non-followers of Jesus?
* Highlight a study that links a sense of belonging and inclusion in a faith community to higher levels of wellbeing and satisfaction.
* Encourage activities that include non-church attendants:
  + Community service projects.
  + Social gatherings (4th of July, Labor Day, Christmas parties etc.), deliberately inviting folks from outside church circles.
* Discuss the puzzle analogy:
  + Our church feels more complete when we include people who don't follow Jesus.
  + Emphasize the importance of gradually introducing them to the community before attending services.
  + Challenge for the coming days: Actively mix church friends with social connections outside of church.
* Example scenarios: Movie night at your house, lunch at work.
* Reiterate the three "I"s: Invest, Invite, Include.
  + Investing in relationships because Jesus loves them.
  + Inviting them to see the good things God is doing.
  + Including them by mixing social circles.
* Closing Remarks:
  + This four-part challenge is only the beginning.
  + Encourage continuation of investing, inviting, and including people.
  + Reiterate the idea that people can belong before they believe.
  + Offer help from the church in their journey as change catalysts.
  + Express gratitude for their desire to be change catalysts.