

Week One: Responding to Coming Home to God

Once an invitation arrives, there are really only three ways to deal with it. You can excitedly sign up right away; you can discard the envelope, deciding it doesn't really fit in with your goals, schedule, or interests; or you can toss it into the pile marked "get to it later."

So, how have you responded to the call to join *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God*? Have you fully hopped on board, opening your arms wide to all that God has to offer? Have you dismissed the thought, believing it isn't for you? Or are you still undecided? By now, participants have read through the first week of the book, but it's not too late to join in. Any idea what could be standing in your way?

If you haven't already noticed, pastor Maxie Dunham is simply amazed by God. For more than forty years, he's been helping others share that sense of amazement, as well. This week, the first chapter of *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God* talked about how very good our Heavenly Father is – and how much good God wants for us, as well. Remember, as you read through each chapter, to take a few minutes and prayerfully consider your answers to the Heart of the Matter questions. You might even make a few notes in the accompanying workbook. Remember: the more you put into this study, the more you'll get out of it in return. Prepare your heart now to receive a message on a topic related to the study, and prepare your spirit to be renewed by God's extravagant love.

Coming up next week: A Love Like No Other