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Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

Recent studies have found that about 25 percent of people who currently do not participate in a faith community would attend if asked. This finding backs up a long-held belief that the most effective way to incorporate people into a faith community -- where they can hear the Good News of God's love and saving grace -- is for someone to invite them.

We each have different roles in God's grand plan to save creation. According to today's reading, some of us plant seeds, some of us water the plants, but ultimately God is the one who provides the growth.

Our participation in God's work of salvation might not bear any fruit in our lifetime. We may not ever know how the seed we plant will grow and mature. We may not know how the Sunday School lesson we teach, the anthem we sing, the website we design will be used by God. We may never know the end result of the prayers we pray and the witness we share.

All we can do is be faithful to God's call in our lives.

Today, continue to pray for your five (5) friends, and invite them to join you at church on Sunday. (Better yet, offer to bring them to church on Sunday.) The statistics say that one of them will say "yes." And if they don't come this week, keep praying, and try again another time.

Trust that God will use your witness and the ministry of the church for the common purpose of building God's Kingdom. Even if they don't join you at church, the seed you plant may lead them to another faith community.

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