

# group guide

**How to live a fruitful life**

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# 1. gather

Hi [name],  
I'm having a catch-up [on day]  
where I'm inviting a few people to  
[home, cafe, local park, zoom etc] to  
have a chat about [topic].

I thought to invite you. I'd be  
interested in hearing your views and  
would enjoy your company.

[Create a more personalised script  
for repeat invitations]

## 2. relax

Create a relaxed environment as people arrive. You might provide food or drink.

Ask how their day has been.

Find a comfortable space to sit. Let people know who is coming and introduce those who may not know each other.

# 3. Transition

**Explain the purpose of gathering as outlined in original invitation.**

*I wanted to create an opportunity to discuss something that I'm interested in so thanks for coming. I hope it will be enjoyable for everyone.*

*The topic for discussion is:*  
**Living a fruitful life**

*Is that something you've ever thought about?*

# 4. Discussion

Ask one or more of these questions if required to keep the discussion going, but aim to pick up on and ask about. Try to share as little as possible at this stage. Ask questions and then listen.

*What do you think makes a life fruitful?*

*How fruitful do you think your life is? Why?*

# 5. Testimony

At an appropriate moment, you may share a brief personal experience about **how Jesus has given you a fruitful life.**

Be honest, avoid Christian-sounding language and admit any doubts you may have.

If it doesn't feel like the right time you can skip this step.

# 6. Bible

*I'd like to read you something. It's from John chapter 15, verses 1 to 8.*

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.”

# 7. Application

*What does this say about what makes us fruitful?*

*How do you understand the metaphor of the vine and the branches?*

*What are you connected to? Is it life-giving?*

*What do you think it would mean to be connected to Jesus?*

# 8. Prayer

*Is there anything you think we could pray about?*

*Thank you God that we could have this discussion today. I pray for [any requests]. Help us to know you more. Amen.*

# 9. End well

*Thanks, I enjoyed that.*

*Hope it was okay?*

*I was thinking of doing this again if  
you'd be interested?*