

# group guide

## **Belief**

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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:*  
**What is belief?**

*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's something you believe strongly? Why?*

*Who is someone you believe? Why?*

*Do you think belief is an active or a passive thing?*

# 5. Testimony

At an appropriate moment, you may share a brief personal experience about **what your belief in Jesus has caused you to do/change.**

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 3 (14-21)*

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“And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

“There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.

All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

# 7. Application

*What do you think the message of this is?*

*What does it say about belief?*

*What is your understanding of the salvation Jesus offers?*

# 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?*