

group guide

Good works on show

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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:
Doing good for others to see.

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.

When have you seen people doing good things but it appears just for show?

Do you see an intrinsic value in doing good if no one else knows?

5. Testimony

At an appropriate moment, you may share a brief personal experience about **how you have done something good for the wrong reason in the past.**

You may also share how Jesus has changed your perspective.

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 Matthew 6 (1-4)

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"Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.

When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity!

I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

7. Application

What do you think the message of this is?

What kind of reward do you think it might be talking about?

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?*