

group guide

Unconventional Wisdom

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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:
When wise advice doesn't work

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.

Where do you go for advice?

Is there anything you've sort good advice on recently or something?

Have you ever taken advice that didn't work out like you thought it would?

5. Testimony

At an appropriate moment, you may share a brief personal experience about **how the idea of Christianity used to seem strange to you 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 1 Corinthians 1 (18-25)

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“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.”

So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish.

Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.”

7. Application

What do you think the message of this is?

Why might the way of Jesus still be considered foolish by the intellectuals of today?

What do you know about 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?*