

# group guide

**Voices we listen to, voices  
we trust.**

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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:*  
**Voices we listen to and trust**

*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.

*Who are some of the people you listen to regularly?*

*How much influence would you say they have on your life? Can you give an example of how something you have changed because of their advice?*

*What qualities do you look for in someone if you are to take their advice?*

# 5. Testimony

At an appropriate moment, you may share a brief personal experience about **a time someone you listened to has let you down.**

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 10, verses 11 to 18.*

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock.

The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

“The Father loves me because I sacrifice my life so I may take it back again. No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily.

For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”

# 7. Application

*What does this say about who we should trust?*

*Do you agree?*

*Is there anything you can relate to in what this says?*

*What do you think about the analogy of Jesus being like a good shepherd?*

# 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?*