



HOW TO

Lead a TAP Small Group

So, you want to gather people for real conversations about faith, politics, and what it means to follow Jesus in a divided world? Amazing. An **After Party Small Group** is a great way to engage deeply with The After Party over time, creating a space where people can listen, learn, and grow together week by week.

This isn't about picking sides or winning arguments. It's about shifting from the what of politics to the how—how we engage, how we love, and how we stay connected even when we disagree. And **that starts here.**

Step by Step...

STEP 1 Invite Your People

Think about who you'd like to journey with—friends, family, a small group, even your pastor. Not sure how to extend the invite? Check out our [How to Share with Your Pastor](#) and [How to Invite Your Friends](#) guides for help.

STEP 2 Register for the Course

Head to after-party.org to sign up for free. Once you're in, you'll find everything you need under "My Courses."

STEP 3 Read the Facilitator Guide

Leading a group isn't about having all the answers—it's about guiding the conversation well. Our [Facilitator Guide](#) gives you best practices to help everyone engage with honesty, humility, and curiosity. Familiarize yourself with the content so you can facilitate discussions confidently.

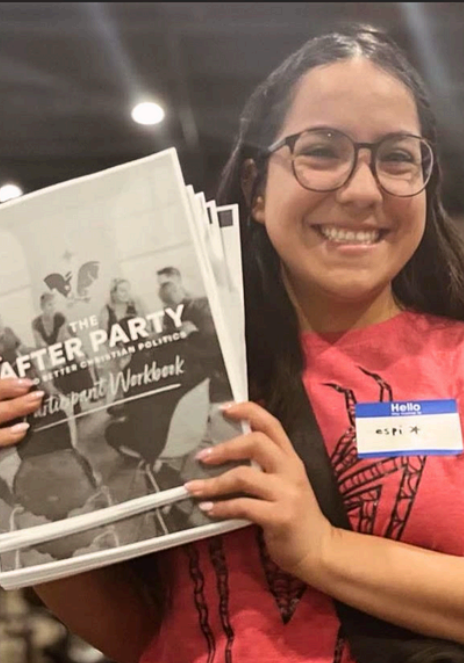
STEP 4 Get the Workbook

Participants can either print the [PDF workbook](#) or register themselves to access their own digital version inside the course.

STEP 5 Plan Your Schedule

The course is designed to be completed over six weeks, with each session lasting between 1.5 to 2 hours. Here's what to consider when structuring your small group meetings:





- **Leave time for discussion.** Some groups will have deeper or longer conversations. Be flexible—if your group is talkative, you may need to extend the timeline and space out the material.
- **Stick to a rhythm.** Meeting weekly keeps the momentum going, but some groups may prefer every other week or another format that works best for them.
- **Consider breaking it up!** If you find discussions running long, you can split sessions into multiple meetings.

STEP 6 Meet for Six Weeks

Each session follows a simple structure:

- **Prayer & Check-in.** Create a space where people feel safe to be real.
- **Watch the Video Lessons.** Short, engaging videos to spark meaningful conversations.
- **Discussion.** Use the workbook questions to reflect, wrestle, and grow together.
- **Closing Reflection & Prayer.** Wrap up with encouragement and a moment of prayer.

STEP 7 Prepare Your Space & Materials

To ensure your small group meetings run smoothly, take these practical steps:

- **Test your tech.** Make sure the videos play properly and that sound is clear if you're using speakers.
- **Prepare the materials.** Have printed workbooks (if needed) and encourage participants to review the content beforehand.

"One of the most hopeful and helpful classes I've ever attended—it transformed how I approach political conversations."

– THE AFTER PARTY PARTICIPANT

"The course wasn't just informative—it gave people a safe, informal setting to rebuild trust and heal after years of division."

– PASTOR

- **Set up the space.** Choose a quiet, comfortable location where people can engage openly.
- **Provide food & coffee.** A welcoming environment makes a difference!
- **Stick to the schedule.** Be mindful of time to keep discussions on track while allowing for deep engagement.

STEP 8 Assign Table Leaders (If Needed)

If you're leading a larger group that breaks into smaller discussions, consider having designated *table facilitators*. Their role is to:

- Keep the conversation flowing.
- Ensure all voices are heard.
- Help keep the discussion respectful and focused.

STEP 9 Share Your Experience

At the end of the course, complete the Session 6 – Homework survey to reflect on your journey. Then, take it a step further—share what you've learned with your friends, family, or on social media. Your insights could encourage others to begin their own journey! Use **#TowardBetterChristianPolitics** to join the conversation.

89%

of group participants said that participating in this program deepened their relationships with others in their group.

Johns Hopkins, 2025





You're ready to gather your group and dive into The After Party.

This is about more than politics—it's about learning how to be in relationship with people who see the world differently. It's about shifting from focusing on the what to the how of our disagreements. You don't need to be an expert. You just need to show up with a heart willing to listen, learn, and lead.

Let's do this. Together.

