



HOW TO

Invite Your Friends to The After Party

Hosting a group for The After Party? Amazing! But how do you invite your friends in a way that resonates? The key isn't just about logistics—it's about creating a space of belonging, curiosity, and transformation. Here's a better framework based on TAP principles.

STEP 1

Start with Why

Before you invite anyone, clarify why you're doing this. TAP isn't just another group—it's an opportunity to build friendships, heal relationships, and grow in faith as you navigate political tensions together.

Here's why someone might want to join:

- "I'm exhausted by the political divisions in my life."
- "I want to engage in politics as a disciple of Jesus, not just a voter."
- "I don't know what the Bible actually says about politics."
- "I feel stuck between two extremes and need a better way forward."
- "I want my kids to experience a different kind of political engagement."

Use your own words, but make it clear: This isn't a debate club. It's a space for growth.

STEP 2

Make it Personal

Generic invitations often don't work. People respond to personal connections.

- **Start with a one-on-one conversation.** Share why you're hosting this and why you think they might be interested.
 - **Frame it as an invitation, not an obligation.** "I'd love for you to be part of this" is far more compelling than "You should do this."
 - **Acknowledge their concerns.** If they're worried it's a political debate, reassure them: "This isn't about convincing anyone to change their vote—it's about changing how we engage."
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STEP 3

Build the Right Group

A great group isn't about everyone agreeing—it's about trust and curiosity.

Consider inviting:

- Friends who have expressed frustration with political conversations.



- People from church who feel disillusioned by politics.
 - Someone who is tired of partisan divides but still wants to engage.
 - A mix of perspectives, but all with a shared commitment to following Jesus.
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STEP 4

Offer a Low-Stakes Invitation

Not everyone will say yes at first. That's okay!

- **Host a casual “interest night” or dinner.** No commitment, just conversation.
- **Share a short video or excerpt from TAP.** Let them see what it's about.
- **Emphasize flexibility.** “Try the first session—if it's not for you, no pressure.”

People are more likely to say yes when they know they can say no.

STEP 5

Set the Tone Early

Once you have a group, set expectations before the first meeting.

- **This is about discipleship, not debate.** We're learning how to reflect Jesus in our political engagement.
 - **We will listen well.** Everyone's experience matters, and we will practice humility.
 - **Relationships come first.** If we get to the end and no one changed their mind—but we love each other better—it's a win.
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STEP 6

Pray and Trust the Process

The After Party is about forming hearts, not just hosting discussions. Before each meeting, pray for your group. Ask God to shape you first. You're not just inviting people to a course—you're inviting them into a different way of engaging with politics and with each other.





Your Next Step: Send a Personal Invite

Here's a simple text you can send today:

Hey [Name], I've been thinking about the way politics has affected friendships and faith, and I'm hosting a group based on The After Party. It's not about arguing—it's about growing in how we engage as Christians. I'd love for you to come. No pressure, just a space to talk and learn. Want to hear more?

You're Ready to Go!

You don't need perfect words. You need a heart for people and a willingness to start the conversation. This isn't just about a six-week course—it's about helping your friends experience a better way to do politics, one shaped by love, humility, and hope.

So, who's your first invite?

