

# How to Facilitate an Unforgettable Easter Watch Party

You've invited, planned, prepared, and now you're ready to facilitate your Easter Watch Party! We've created a quick guide to help you host Easter from beginning to end. This guide will help you cultivate community and help your guests encounter Jesus in a brand new way!

## GREET & EAT

Allow space in the schedule for a 15-20 minute grace period for your guests to arrive and greet one another. Consider including additional time to enjoy a meal or snacks together and to set the atmosphere before jumping into the icebreakers.

## PLAY

Icebreakers are a simple, fun, and powerful tool to help break down barriers, create a more welcoming atmosphere and help people find common ground. Open up your Watch Party with one of the following icebreakers. It's sure to make for a great start!

**Jenga Questions** (15-20 minutes) – This game requires a Jenga set. Cut out small pieces of paper that fit the size of each Jenga block and tape them to each piece. Then write a list of questions—ranging from light-hearted to deep—then stack the Jenga blocks. Have one of your guests start by pulling one block and answering the question. Continue until the blocks fall.

**Starburst Exchange** (20-25 minutes) – Buy a large bag of Starburst (or an assorted mix of candy) and give each guest the same amount (5-10). Take the lead and start by sharing something you've never done that you think everyone else has done. (Ex: "I've never ridden a bike", or some other statement that you think most of the group has done before) Then everyone who has ridden a bike will pay you one Starburst. If anyone in your group has not ridden a bike, you will pay them one Starburst. The game continues until everyone has a turn or until someone runs out of Starburst. The person with the most Starburst wins!

**Personal Scavenger Hunt** (10-15 minutes) – Instruct each guest to grab his/her purse or wallet. Then split the group in two and have each team find an item for every letter of the alphabet. (Ex: Earring for E, Nickel for N) You can only use one item per letter. The team that finds the most items that fit into the alphabet wins.

**Three Object Hunt** (20-25 minutes) – Meeting virtually for your Watch Party? This game is perfect to go deeper with your virtual group. Ask your group to spend five minutes looking around their homes to find three objects—one to describe how they are currently feeling emotionally, spiritually and physically. Once you have regrouped, have everyone share their items. Be mindful of the answers given, and let each person decide how deep they want to go.

## WATCH

### Service Flow

Our Easter service will have four main sections.

- Introduction
- Tabernacle
- Temple
- Cross

### Discussion Questions

The discussion questions below can be used to connect and go deeper as a group after Easter service.

#### TABERNACLE

- Has there ever been a time when you were forced to be away from someone you loved? (Ex: How about during the pandemic when the closest we could get to some people was through Zoom?)
- Would you casually be okay with being separate from the one you loved? *"It is what it is."* Or would you do anything you could to close the gap... to be near?

#### TEMPLE

- Religion promises something it cannot deliver by saying "If you can just try hard enough, or be good enough then you can be acceptable to God." Have you ever felt overwhelmed or discouraged by a standard that you could not meet?
- What are some ways that you feel like people placed a burden on you that made faith in God unattractive?

#### CROSS *(Optional Closing Questions)*

- Jesus, having every reason to turn His back on us, still decided to die for a world full of people who hated Him then and now—all to give you the opportunity to come close, be saved, and know His love. What do you see about the character of humans? What do you see about God's character?



- How does it feel to know that you have been given the opportunity to have full access to God, to approach Him at any time?
- God has made a way to be near you through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. Who else do you know that needs to hear this? What will you do to let them know?

### **What do I do if I don't know what to do?**

We're here to support you! If you get asked a question and you don't have an answer, know that is okay. We are all growing as we walk with Jesus and it's alright to make that known. You could say, "Hey, that's a great question! I don't have the answer, but I'd love to help us find the answer together." Don't be afraid to reach out to someone you look up to in the faith—a pastor, mentor, or even a peer who is a disciple of Christ. God welcomes all of our questions.

If any of your guests need care on a deeper level, we have ministries in place to support them. You can share our NEED CARE link—[victoryatl.com/care](https://victoryatl.com/care)—with them to get started, or you may need to connect them directly with a minister. Lastly, sometimes the greatest thing we can do is hold space for others to not be okay. Taking a moment to let your guests share how they are feeling and how they're doing without giving them a solution goes a long way. Thank you for being willing to be an extension of the heart of Jesus!

We can't wait to see how God moves this Easter! We'd love for you to share your experience with us on social media. Make sure you include **#wearevictory** so we can celebrate with you!

