

# How to Prepare

**Hosting an Easter Watch Party is a beautiful way to celebrate the joy of the holiday in a memorable way! We know you have your hands full with inviting guests and preparing for the big day, so here are some tips to help make sure you're prepared to host a Watch Party of a lifetime!**

## **Send a reminder text to your guests.**

Set a calendar reminder to remind your guests about the Watch Party a couple of days ahead of time. Make sure your text includes:

- Date and time
- Meeting location/address
- If you live in an apartment or are having your event in a location that might be a little tricky to spot, make sure you send additional instructions that make it easier for your guests to find your exact location.
- If you're having a Watch Party outside and you want your guests to bring their own blankets, now would be a great time to remind them.

## **Create an agenda.**

Creating an agenda is a great way to stay on track and honor your guests' time. Allow a grace period of about 10-15 minutes for everyone (especially first-time guests) to arrive. This grace period may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Light conversation
- Allow the snacks or meal to be eaten.
- Let people strike organic conversations with one another.
- Have soft music (perhaps worship) playing in the background.
- Set a precedence of starting and ending by a certain time. This shows your group members that you honor their time and that you appreciate them honoring yours as well.

## **Be considerate regarding pets.**

It's safe to say that no one can love your pet more than you do. With that in mind, please allow your little furry or scaly prince or princess to have time away from the crowd.

- For smaller animals, consider crating them in a room that will not allow for too much disruption.
- Larger animals may need to have an outside option.
- Consider informing group members of your pets' presence so that they can make an informed decision (especially if allergy related).

## **Make sure you're ready to watch service.**

- Check your internet connection and your TV, computer, and/or projector to ensure they are ready to go. This will help you to be present during the Watch Party and focus on the things that really matter—the people!
- Make sure you also have enough seating for your guests. If kids will be present, consider having a space for them as well.

## **After Watch Party Plan**

If you feel led, offer a standing invitation to your first-time guests.

If you're a Small Group or a House Church leader, invite guests to return for your next gathering and invite them to bring someone. Inviting those who attended will encourage them to return, because this act indicates that they are important to you and you have already made time and space for them and a friend.

If you do not lead a Small Group or a House Church, consider inviting your guests who don't have a church home to watch online or visit a Victory campus with you.

We hope that you find these tips helpful as you prepare for your Easter Watch Party. We can't wait to see and hear how God moves where you gather! We'd love for you to share your experience with us on social media. Make sure you tag **@victoryatl** and include **#wearevictory** so we can celebrate with you!

