



## Good Friday Gathering Leader Guide (READ ME FIRST)

### How to Use This Guide

- Thank you so much for hosting your own Good Friday gathering. This guide will ensure that your gathering will be a rousing success. This guide is separated into three parts: **Invitation, Environment, and Experience**.
  - In the **Invitation** section, we will give you tips for inviting people to your gathering.
  - In the **Environment** section, we will help you prepare for your gathering including what supplies you need and how to best set up your space for your gathering.
  - The **Experience** section will help you to lead your discussion about Good Friday.
- There are two options for how to lead a Good Friday Gathering:
  - One option is for you to **lead the experience yourself**.
  - The other option has you **playing a video** prepared by North Pointe Staff to lead the gathering.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Robby at [robby@northpointefl.org](mailto:robby@northpointefl.org)

### Invitation

- Hosting a great Good Friday gathering starts with inviting people. After all, it wouldn't be much of a gathering if it was only you!
- There's two ways to get people to your gathering.
  - One is to have your gathering with your small group. Even if you're planning on having your gathering with your small group, you may still want to invite others not in your small group to join you for your gathering.
  - The other way to get people to come to your gathering is by inviting them. You may be feeling a bit intimidated by the thought of inviting people to your home, but don't worry. We'll give you some practical tips that will make inviting others much easier.

### Who Do I Invite

- You can invite anyone you feel the Lord has placed on your heart, but here's a few recommendations in case you're having a hard time thinking of people.
  - Christians and non-Christians, Neighbors, Family, Small Group members

### How Do I Invite

- When inviting people, be sure you tell them that it's a dinner party.
- Be upfront about celebrating Good Friday and that you'll also be discussing what Good Friday means. **Don't try to bait and switch them.**
- Be upfront that the evening will include a special moment (30 min) regarding Good Friday
- Make sure you communicate the time you'll be meeting and time dinner will be served.
- We recommend asking people to arrive 30 minutes before you want to serve dinner just so everyone can get acquainted before dinner.

### What Should I Serve for Dinner?

- Short answer: Anything you want. Whatever you are comfortable making.
  - Be sure you have your menu planned in advanced. People will ask. This is especially important for people with allergies. Ask guests if they have any dietary concerns.

## Environment

- Set up just like you would for a nice dinner party
- Here are a few different options you have for food:
  - BBQ, Casseroles, Catering, Pizza, Whatever!
- Consider how many people can fit comfortable in your living room and only invite that many people
  - It's always better to err on the lower side
  - Have a plan for kids (Will you have child care?)
    - Your meeting could include children and be family oriented.
- If using the NPC videos, make sure everyone can comfortably see your TV
  - If not using the NPC videos, consider where you want to meet.
    - Don't limit yourself to a living room.
- Consider parking for your guests. (Communicate where they should park.)

## Experience

- Start by leading a prayer blessing the dinner and the night.
  - We recommend the following schedule:
    - 30 minutes to hang out
    - 45 minutes to eat
    - 30 minutes for Good Friday focus
  - We also recommend following the order of service on the next page.
  - Part of the night asks for anyone to share their testimony.
    - Be prepared to share yours if no-one else decides to.
- Close the night in prayer.
  - You may want to ask for prayer requests at the end before praying.
- Be sure to invite your guests to North Pointe's Easter service before the night is over.
  - Saturday 6:30pm
  - Sunday 8:30, 10 & 11:35
  - Childcare available at all services.

## Video Resources:

- As mentioned above there are three ways for you to lead your Good Friday Gathering.
  - #1 Self-Led
    - OPTION 1 - You can decide how you want the night to go.
    - OPTION 2 - You can follow the script we have provided for you. And involve your guests in the reading of the scriptures.
  - #2 Video Led (With Communion)
    - This video includes The Upper Room Discourse AND a COMMUNION moment by Pastor Steve.
    - YouTube Video - Streaming on YOUTUBE channel of our SmartTV or Apple TV.
    - Search: **northpointeFL** or **North Pointe Church, Lutz**, in the YouTube Search bar.
  - #3 Video Led (Without Communion.)
    - This video ONLY includes The Upper Room Discourse AND NOT COMMUNION
      - Why use this: If you many non-believing guests consider not leading in communion as God's Word expresses Communion is for Believers.
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## NOTE ON COMMUNION:

- If you plan to do Communion - prepare the elements in advance.
  - North Pointe will gladly provide communion supplies.
    - We will distribute communion supplies on APRIL 12th. (or Drop by the office)
    - Simply drop by the table and let us know how many communion sets you need.