



## Tips for Inviting Friends to a Stonecroft Event

So you want to invite your friend to an event but you don't want to be weird about it. Here are some guidelines for helping her (and you!) feel confident inviting her to come and see for herself who Jesus is. We have created these events specifically to connect with women who don't yet follow Jesus but are skeptical or curious about who He is. We hope these suggestions help you to be both bold and loving as you seek to reach women with the Gospel.

- 1. Heads up.** Let her know what she's getting into. Be honest that the event will be exploring faith and the teachings of Jesus. It's open to everyone regardless of what they believe. She needs to know that spiritual things will be talked about; otherwise it will be really uncomfortable if she comes not expecting this.
- 2. Chill out.** Don't overthink the invitation. Do you stress about inviting your friend out for dinner or to go see a movie with you and a group of friends? Probably not. The entire fate of their salvation doesn't rest on your shoulders. That's Jesus' job – so rest at ease. Your job is to make yourself available.
- 3. Own it.** Make sure it's something you and your friend share an interest in. If you're a leader for the gathering or event, what will make it the kind of thing that your friend would be interested in coming to? You have the freedom to make this a “can't wait to go” kind of event.
- 4. Go together.** It can feel scary to go to something by yourself, especially if you don't know anyone else and are still checking out what it means to be a Christian. Offer to go with your friend, carpool together, or grab dinner together. Get to know her better and answer any questions she might have about the event.
  - **Check in** with her afterwards. We learn from reflecting on our experiences. She may have questions about her thoughts and what she heard about God and it might be helpful to process with a friend. Asking a few simple questions will help her open up. Here are some suggestions:
    - What did you enjoy about the event?
    - Was there anything that surprised you in a positive or negative way?
    - How did this event challenge your views on Jesus or Christians? Did it bring up any questions for you?
- 5. Set a date.** Invite her to come to something else. She might have not been into that event but you can still invite her to go to something else or to explore Scripture with you one on one. Keep the dialogue going.

When we're in community with other women, sharing Jesus with friends is easier because you realize you're not alone. Ask some friends to pray with you for your non-believing friends, that they would experience Jesus in powerful ways. Have fun seeing how God shows up as you step out to demonstrate His love to others.