

Cross Point in your Neighborhood

We're excited you want to create a local expression of Cross Point in your neighborhood!

When you read through the New Testament you see how the early church met in homes, courtyards, community centers and on hillsides. And when you open your home to family, friends and your community, you're doing the same thing!. By partnering with us as a local expression of Cross Point, you are taking part in the mission of helping people find and follow Jesus.

Here at Cross Point we want to be the kind of church where everyone's welcome because we know that nobody's perfect, but with Jesus anything's possible. As you gather in your neighborhood here are some tips to help point people to Jesus. We hope this will be a helpful guide for simply gathering in a smaller expression of community than we normally do at one of our buildings on a Sunday. Some of you go to one of our physical campuses weekly and some of you attend online from all over the world. Wherever you live, you *are* the church and the church should be on the mission of helping people find and follow Jesus. Let's get started!

Pray

- Pray and ask God to give you specific names of people to invite to your gathering. Write these names down.
- Pray and ask one of these people to partner with you in prayer and responsibilities.
- Pray about the time.
- Pray about the place.
- Pray and ask God to give you a vision of what it would look like for your home to have these faces in it.
- Pray that God would stir in the hearts of those you invite before you even reach out.

Invite

- You prayed and now it's time to have a conversation. Take the step and invite the people God has called you to invite. Invite them into community, not just a time of watching a service.
- A text message could be like this: "Hey Sam, we're having some friends and family over for lunch on Jan 1st. We're going to eat together, watch our church service, and just hang out. We'd love to have you guys join us! Do you think you could make it?"
- If they say yes, create a calendar invite and add them to it.
- Send out a reminder the day before and let them know you're excited to have them over.

Plan

- Think through your time together just like you would if you were to invite friends over for a Christmas party or birthday party.
- Start with the food. Ask people to share and bring something with them.
- Make sure you have enough places for people to park. Communicate to your neighbors a few days ahead of time. Invite them also where appropriate!

- Clean your house and make it feel comfortable for everyone to have a good experience.
- Create a space around a tv where everyone can stand, sit or however they feel comfortable to join in.
- Create or find a good playlist to play on your tv while people are hanging out. Here is [one example](#). Here's [another one](#). And [another](#).
- Pray over this space. Ask God to use this space for people to meet with Him.
- Think through a schedule but be flexible if it needs to change.

Gather

- Help everyone who comes feel welcome. These are your friends, family and neighbors, perhaps even strangers. Keep it laid back and comfortable.
- Setup the main area for everyone to gather around a large tv in a living room.
- Test your setup on your tv beforehand. You can find our services on Youtube. Search for "Cross Point Church Nashville" or you can go to crosspoint.tv/watchnow to find our service.
- An example schedule could be.
 - Arrive at noon.
 - Eat lunch together till 12:45.
 - Invite everyone to continue to eat and join you around the tv screen as you put up the service. If you feel comfortable, share about your experience with Cross Point and how being part of our church has helped you. You could also share some of your story and how your faith has grown this past year. You could also talk about who Jesus is to you and what it looks like to follow Him?
 - Watch the service together. Again, if it seems right start a conversation about what you just watched together. A question could be was there anything that the pastor said that seemed important to you? What is one thing you are excited about for this next year? What areas of your faith would you like to grow in this next year?
 - At the end thank everyone for joining you and let them know you are really glad they joined you today. If it feels right, pray.
 - Celebrate everyone joining you and if it feels right invite them to join you at one of our campuses or if they want to watch online with you in the future.
 - And make sure to take a picture and share it with us on social media so we can cheer you on! You can also go to crosspoint.tv/shareyourstory and let us know about your experience. You could also email us at online@crosspoint.tv

Follow Up

- The next day send out a message to everyone who showed up. Thank them for attending and letting them know you are available if they ever want to talk.
- If you all loved getting together and doing church this way, let us know and we can talk more about what this could look like on a regular basis!

Resources

- If you need help in any way, reach out to us. You can reach out to us through the chat on our website, direct message on social media, or by going to crosspoint.tv/everyoneswelcome. We are here to walk alongside you and help you.
- If the people you invited ask questions and you don't have the answers, that's okay. Reach out to us and we will be glad to help. And if they want to take a next step, you can point them to crosspoint.tv/everyoneswelcome. We would love to have a conversation with them and help however we can. Remember, you are not doing this alone.