



CONVERSATION STARTERS JANUARY 14, 2018

This is a guide to help start a conversation about this week's message. Feel free to pick, choose, re-order and adapt as you see fit. You know your group best and can facilitate their experience by modifying as necessary.

ICE-BREAKERS

1. Describe the best party you've ever been to (as appropriate ;). What makes a great party in your experience?
2. As some inspiration, you may want to (re)watch the snapshot of Alex Sillet's Life Group that was shared in the service. It can be found on our [Vimeo page](#).

REVIEW

1. You may want to watch this week's message with your group as a refresher. Or, try picking a spot with 10-15 minutes to go to review the main application(s). Messages are found at southridgechurch.ca/messages.
2. Feel free to try one or two of these. What did you hear in this week's message? What ideas stood out? What did you agree with? Disagree with? What questions came to mind? How did it make you feel?

REFLECT

1. Read [Mark 2:15-16](#) and Jesus' words in [Matthew 11:18-19](#). What do you think about the reputation Jesus seemed to develop in his day? How is this similar to or different from the reputation of Jesus today? Try to imagine, as a group, what the parties Jesus attended might have been like and how he interacted at them.
2. Read [Acts 2:46-47](#). You may even want to read this passage more than once from a variety of translations. How does this description compare with your experience of "church"? Based on reputation? Based on upbringing? How about your experience of Southridge? What do you think would make our church feel more like the ongoing "party" described in these verses?

RESPOND

1. What can your group learn from "the power of a party?" How might this week's message change the way you get together or plan events? Is it worth adding social events? Are there ways to make regular meetings feel more like a "party"? What new or added dynamic(s) can you commit to together?
2. Share prayer requests, whether related to the discussion or everyday life. If praying as a group is new or uncomfortable, try assigning each person with a prayer request and simply share one sentence of support or encouragement to each other. Or, have someone in the group record and email the list of prayer requests so that the group can pray for each other throughout the week.

Start
the
Party