



How Do I Invite People to My Discussion?

YOUR FIRST STEP

Pray that God would provide you with eyes to see who He is asking you to engage in a conversation with over this topic. And if you haven't signed up, please take that action right now: www.hcbc.com/whats-after-atx. In following through on this important step, we can partner with you and provide everything you need to get started! The sermon series will run May 3 through June 7, 2020 at Hill Country (www.hcbc.com) but you can run your discussion groups at any time and access these messages On Demand any time after their air date.

NEXT

We have no doubt that stepping out in faith will supercharge your spiritual growth, but we want you to be convinced this is something God is leading you into. As you step out in faith, you'll gain the ability to see God working in your life and you will plant the seeds of spiritual growth in the people God has placed in your spheres of influence. We're excited to see how God grows you and others in this journey. Glance through the ideas below to determine your next step!

Methods & tools for inviting people: Personal conversations, phone calls, texts, emails, social media, using NextDoor for your neighborhood, placing invites on the doors of your neighbors

Who might be in your life that you can ask: Extended family members, Friends that live nearby, Friends that live across the globe, Neighbors you live next to now, Neighbors you once lived near, Coworkers you see most days, Coworkers you rarely see, Classmates, Parents on your child's sports team, Parents in child's school, People that live in your community, College friends, Partner with a friend to co-host

HOW

Share the What's After ATX teaser video and/or the website. Spend a few minutes reviewing the What's After ATX website located at www.whatsafteratx.org. Share something you find interesting using email or a text, include what you found interesting and the teaser video Pastor Tim shared (<https://vimeo.com/339346142>). Ask if they would be interested in joining you in an online discussion. As you sent the message, pray that God would open their heart and their mind to receiving the idea. See some examples below:

- Hi Craig, You have been on my mind a lot lately and I hope you are doing well! I've been reading about near death experiences – I know, a little unusual, right! - and the science about what happens to our brains and bodies is fascinating. There is actually evidence for life after biological death. I'm so interested in this that I am going to host an online discussion about it. Would you join me? Check out this video to see if you're interested too!
<https://vimeo.com/339346142>
- Hi Anjali! I miss seeing you! But join me in this super interesting online discussion group about near death experiences and we can see one another again AND discuss something fascinating. Check out more by downloading the free audio book audiobooks.com/promo (enter promo code: [whatsafteratx](http://whatsafteratx.org)) or check out some of the stories on www.whatsafteratx.org. Will you join me?

Share the book. The 80-page *What's After Life?* book explores life after death in a very intriguing, thought-provoking way, making it easily sharable. Read it (or listen to the free audio download), and find what interests you. Then share it with others. As you share it, pray that God would open their heart and their mind to receiving the idea to read and discuss it. Here are a few ways to share it:

- I just read such an interesting book with stories about near-death experiences, where people were clinically dead and came back to life. What they experienced is fascinating and I am actually going to be hosting a discussion group on the topic. Would you like to join me? Here is the book (share hard copy or audio download) and here is the zoom information (share date/time of invite with zoom ID).
- Do you ever think about life after death? I have, but it's hard to imagine what it might be like. But this book I just read really intrigued me and I read it in one 90-minute sitting. I couldn't put it down. I think you'd enjoy it, too. In addition, I am going to host an online discussion about it. Let me know what you think!

Catch Up and Invite. Schedule a time to catch up with one another. During your catch up time, let them know about something you've found interesting about this topic and invite them to your discussion group. See sample copy below for an idea:

Hi friends! We hope you are doing well! We miss seeing people in person but are really grateful for the technology that allows us to connect in the interim. We'd love to host a couple's trivia night next Tuesday night at 8pm. Would you be interested? Or we could just catch up and check-in to see one another faces. In addition, I would love to know if you would be interested in joining a book/video discussion while we are sheltering at home, something to keep us seeing one another and engaging in an interesting discussion about near death experiences. Think of it like a book club or supper club using the subject of near death experiences as the topic and a book called "What's After Life?" – I have a copy for you or I can send you a free audiobook. If you're not sure, then give one night a try and if you don't like it, not a worry at all! I'm thinking we'll do it Tuesdays 8pm starting in two weeks. Let me know what you think! Looking forward to seeing you!

Use your Facebook, Instagram or NextDoor social media tool to cast a wide net and see who Jesus provides. Sample copy provided below:

My wife, Jessica, and I are going to be hosting a virtual book club to talk about this powerful little book called "What's After Life?" It's an amazing compilation of people who have had near death experiences. These are people who were clinically dead, and then came back to life, some after more than an hour! We have several copies of the book and also access to the audio book (free!) if you'd like to participate. We're happy to bring the copy by to your door. You can watch this video if you want to learn more: <https://vimeo.com/339346142>. We'll be hosting a low key conversation on Zoom every Monday from 8p-9p for the next six weeks. I'll shoot you zoom info if you want to join us! Let me know and we'll work out the details! Looking forward to talk with you soon!

What if someone in my discussion group has questions I can't answer? It's perfectly fine to not have all the answers, as none of us do! An appropriate response is something like "That's a great question. I don't have an answer for you, but I know my pastor will be speaking about these topics this Sunday and its online. Please join me and we can learn together."

Help! I don't know how to do this online Zoom thing. We're here for you! Please contact us and we can provide you with support and a step by step guide to get you started.

We're here for you and we welcome your questions. Please contact us at whatsafter@hcbc.com.