



# *Joy Bringer*

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Christmas is a season of joy, connection, and hope — a beautiful opportunity to share the love of Jesus with those around us. The Evangelistic Christmas Party offers a natural and meaningful way to build relationships with neighbors and share the life-changing message of Christ.

This guide will help you plan a Christmas gathering that reflects both the warmth of the season and the heart of the Gospel. Many have found that something as simple as opening their home for a holiday celebration can spark lasting friendships and create a tradition their neighbors look forward to year after year.

While this resource provides ideas and direction, every neighborhood is different — and that's what makes each party special. Feel free to make it your own. Add your personality, creativity, and the traditions that make your community unique. The goal isn't perfection; it's connection.

Create an atmosphere where people feel welcomed, valued, and loved — and where they can encounter the true meaning of Christmas.

Our prayer is that as you open your home and heart this season, God will use your hospitality to draw others closer to Him. May your celebration overflow with joy, peace, and the presence of the One we celebrate — Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

# THROW A PARTY WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE

## BEFORE THE PARTY

### Choose the Party's purpose

**Pre-Evangelistic:** At this party, your purpose is to enable you and your neighbors to get better acquainted in a fun, non-threatening way. You will have the opportunity to make it known during the sharing time that your relationship with Christ brings joy and meaning to the celebration of Christmas. This will open doors later.

**Evangelistic:** You feel you know your neighbors fairly well and you sense the Lord saying, "this is the time to openly share Me with our neighbors."

**To start a neighborhood Life Group:** Your party is the perfect way to open your home to your neighbors and make them feel valued and welcome. The next step is to offer your neighbors a relaxed opportunity to join a scheduled Life Group.

### Selecting the date

The first two weekends in December is typically the sweet spot. It's close enough to Christmas that people are in the holiday spirit, but early enough to avoid schedule conflicts with school events, family gatherings, and travel.

### Pray

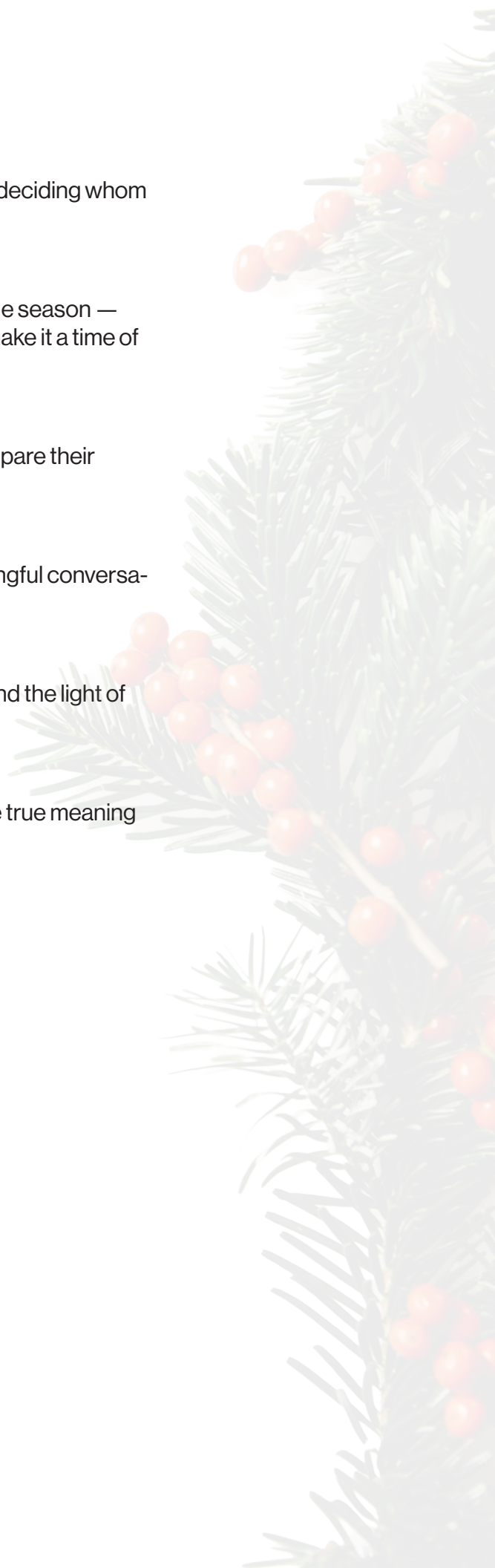
Before you ever send an invitation or decorate your home, begin with prayer. Ask God to prepare the hearts of those you'll invite — that they would sense His love, peace, and presence even before they step through your door.

Pray for specific neighbors by name. Ask the Lord to give you genuine love for them and opportunities to connect in meaningful ways. Pray that your home would be filled with warmth, joy, and the light of Christ — that every conversation and every laugh would reflect His goodness.

Remember, this party isn't just about celebrating a season — it's about sharing the hope of the Gospel. As you pray, trust that God is already at work in the hearts of your neighbors, drawing them closer to Himself through your simple act of hospitality.

## Before You Begin – Pray & Prepare

- ☐ **Pray for guidance.**  
Ask God to lead you in planning — from choosing the date to deciding whom to invite.
- ☐ **Select your party date.**  
Choose a day that allows your neighbors to relax and enjoy the season — early to mid-December often works best. Pray that God will make it a time of joy and connection.
- ☐ **Pray by name.**  
Lift up each person or family you plan to invite. Ask God to prepare their hearts and draw them toward His love.
- ☐ **Pray for connection.**  
Ask the Lord to open doors for genuine friendship and meaningful conversation during your gathering.
- ☐ **Pray for your home.**  
Invite God's presence to fill your space with warmth, peace, and the light of Christ.
- ☐ **Pray for the Gospel to shine.**  
Ask that through your hospitality, guests would encounter the true meaning of Christmas — the hope and joy found in Jesus.



## *DURING THE PARTY*

### **Greeting and Mingling**

As your guests arrive, welcome them with genuine warmth and joy — the same kind of love Christ extends to us. A smile at the door, a handshake, or a simple “I’m so glad you’re here” can make people feel instantly at ease. Take time to introduce neighbors to one another and help everyone feel included in the conversation.

As you mingle, listen well, laugh freely, and look for small ways to show care — a refill of a drink or a thoughtful question. Let your kindness and attentiveness reflect the heart of Jesus. Remember, your goal isn’t to impress but to connect — to create an atmosphere where the love of Christ can be felt through every interaction.

### **Plan a Simple Activity**

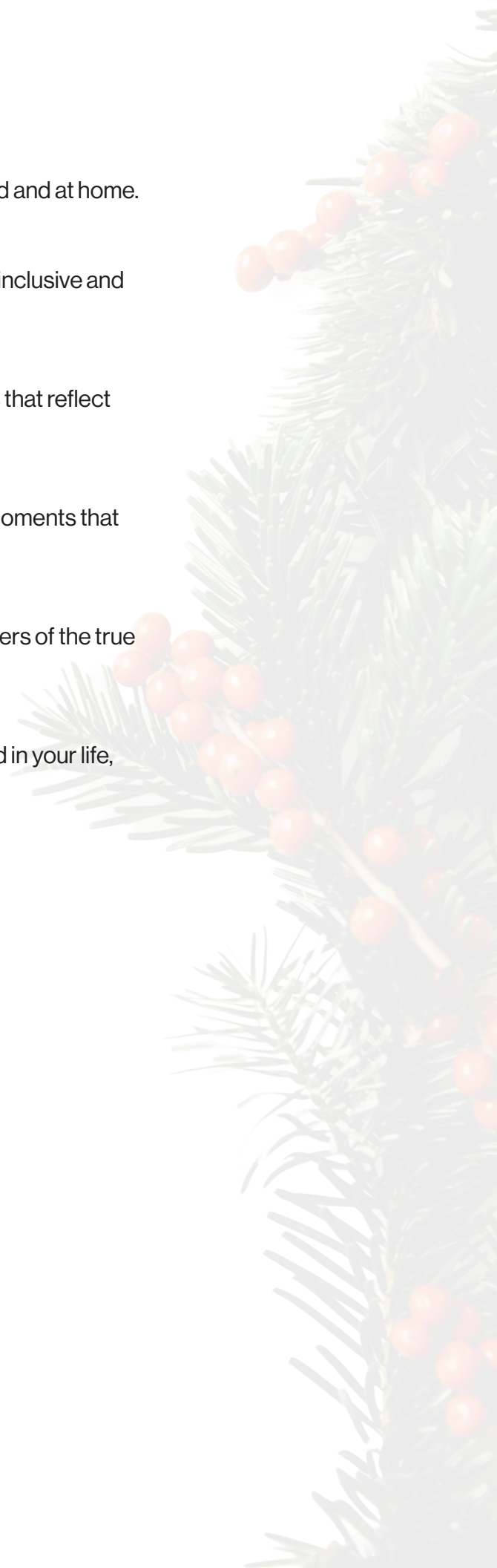
Including a fun or meaningful activity helps guests relax, interact, and feel part of the celebration. You might share a meal together, play a lighthearted Christmas game, or invite everyone to decorate cookies or ornaments.

The goal isn’t to fill every moment with activity, but to create shared experiences that build connection and open doors for deeper conversation about Christ’s love.

### **Sharing Your 2 Minute Miracle**

One of the most powerful ways to point others to Christ is by sharing your own story of how He has changed your life. Your testimony is living evidence of God’s grace — a reminder that He is still at work and that His love transforms hearts.

Be prayerful as you consider how and when to share. It doesn’t have to be long or formal — even a few sincere words can plant a seed of hope. Trust that God will guide your conversations and use your story to remind your neighbors that the same Savior who changed your life longs to meet them too.

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- ☐ **Welcome warmly.**  
Greet guests with joy and kindness - let them feel seen, valued and at home.
  - ☐ **Encourage connection.**  
Introduce neighbors to one another and keep conversations inclusive and relaxed.
  - ☐ **Be Present.**  
Listen well, laugh freely, and show care through simple gestures that reflect Christ's love
  - ☐ **Plan a simple activity.**  
Share a meal, play a Christmas game or decorate cookies - moments that bring people closer.
  - ☐ **Keep Christ at the center.**  
Create space for meaningful conversation and gentle reminders of the true reason for the season.
  - ☐ **Share your 2 minute miracle.**  
When the time feels right, share briefly how Christ has worked in your life, trusting God to use your words to plant hope.