

10 TIPS FOR HOSTING A WATCH PARTY

1. **WHEN WE STREAM**

Sundays at 10:00 AM we live stream to various platforms. The best way to engage with the stream from home is by downloading our TV apps for Roku or Apple TV, or by finding us on the YouTube TV app.

2. **INVITE WHOEVER YOU WANT**

Watch parties are meant to be relaxed, fun and flexible. They are an easy and great way to invite family, friends, people from your small group, or someone you just met to watch and experience our church online.

3. **PLAN TIME FOR PEOPLE RUNNING LATE OR SOCIALIZING**

It is always a good idea to give people some extra time before you plan to start watching the experience. It is a good idea to invite people to show up before the actual start time of the experience. How much earlier you invite people before the planned watch time is completely up to you!

4. **CREATE A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE**

A big part of a successful watch party is making people feel welcome and comfortable. A great way to do both of these things is to have some soft music playing when people arrive. Playing Generation Worship on Amazon Music or Spotify is always a good choice.

5. **COFFEE & SNACKS**

This is another great way to make people feel both welcome and comfortable. Have a pot of coffee ready, or possibly put out some other drinks and snacks for your guests. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, but even a cup of coffee or some water makes people feel a lot more welcome.

6. **ELECTRONIC CHECKLIST**

Prior to your watch party, make sure to think through and test which device you will be using to watch the experience together. Try to use the

biggest screen possible as it will make the experience easy to view for everyone and more engaging. Using the Generation Church App on Roku or Apple TV, or the Generation Church channel on YouTube are great choices for watching our live stream. Another option is to broadcast the experience to your tv using a screen sharing feature such as Airplay, Chromecast, or by using an HDMI cable with an adapter for your specific device.

7. INTRODUCE THE APP

For anyone new to Generation Church, a great way to help them engage with the experience, stay connected and get other important resources is to help them find and download our free app. You can let them know to search "The Generation Church App" in their phone or tablet's app store to download.

8. FILL OUT AN ONLINE NEXT STEPS CARD TOGETHER

Every single week we encourage everyone to take a next step in their faith. Guests can fill out an online Next Steps Card through the Generation Church app or website to share how we can be praying for them, help them get connected to a group, sign up for a serve team and much more. Toward the end of the experience, you can take a moment as a group to fill one out together! Make sure you familiarize yourself with the Generation Church app and how to navigate to the Next Steps page.

9. CASUAL DISCUSSION

We encourage you to enjoy casual and relaxed conversation after the experience has finished. A great way to do that is to simply ask those you are worshipping with, "What stood out to you during the experience today?"

10. INVITE TO A SMALL GROUP

We believe that watch parties are not only a great way to enjoy the experience with others, but also provide a great opportunity to help connect new people to a Small Group. Be sure to invite anyone not already in a group to either join your small group or another group!