

Watch Party Toolkit

How to host your watch party for Blessing Fest

Premiering Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 2pm Pacific / 5pm Eastern



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About the show

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification USA is proud to announce an original celebratory program on the Marriage Blessing called **Blessing Fest**. The 45-min show goes deep into the meaning and impact of the Blessing from the stories of three couples and singles preparing for the Blessing.

On December 18, 2021, **Blessing Fest** will premiere at 2pm Pacific / 5pm Eastern and will be available to live stream on BlessingFest.org. Across America, people will be gathering to watch the show for the very first time. Don't miss out on sharing the Blessing with family and friends. For more clips and information about the show, go to BlessingFest.org.

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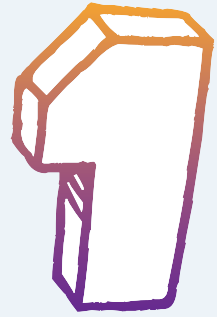
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HOW TO HOST A WATCH PARTY



Pick a date and time

Premiere is December 18th, 2021 2pm PT/5pm ET. Hosts will be emailed a link and password to access the show. If you would like to livestream on Dec. 18, you can simply go to BlessingFest.org on the day.



Pick a venue

The venue will need a screen, seating, and ideally a bathroom. We recommend your home, but make sure your space has adequate sound. Transit options and parking are also key considerations for your guests.

HOW TO WATCH

Visit BlessingFest.org to live stream on Dec. 18th or follow the link in your host confirmation email.



Prep your party

Don't do it alone! Recruit people to help. Minding the details is a multi-person task.

Set up the space. The film is about 45 minutes long with discussion after, so make sure people can get comfortable.

Sketch out a timeline for the event. The main event is all set. Think about how you want to structure the time around the film. Plan an icebreaker. Prepare a short welcome about yourself and your Blessing story. Give guests time to fill out a feedback survey at the end. Think about how you want the conversation to flow.

Build in time for informal connections.

Create a comfortable space for people to share and get to know each other. This will make for a more enjoyable viewing experience and rich discussion later on.



Watch. Learn. Share.

Enjoy! Connect with the bigger community by sharing your experience via photos, Facebook, Instagram, and any other avenues you choose. Add the hashtag **#blessingculture**

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Checklist

- Finalize the location
- Invite guests at least 1 week before the party
- Send directions to the venue
- Check your internet connection
- Sound check
- Prep food and beverages
- Pick someone to capture the party. Tweet, Snap, Instagram, etc!
- Print out surveys for guests to fill out or share the survey link after the show

Things to Think About

* Who is your audience? Are they married? Single? In a relationship? Have kids?

* Do you have a variety of seating options. Offer chairs with and without arms.

* What equipment do you need?

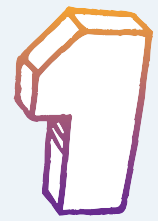
* Do guests have food and drink preferences? Make sure there are options and clear labels.

* Do you have bathrooms available?

Of course this list does not cover everything. Mind the details and be thoughtful. Recruit some folks to help think through the evening and catch some details you might overlook.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Tips for Facilitating



Ensure everyone has a voice. At the start of the conversation, share that you may have to interrupt or invite someone to speak. If it happens, it's not personal.



Silence is OK. People need time to gather their thoughts to respond to a question. If silence persists, try rephrasing or reframing the question, or ask if people would like clarification.



Your responsibility is the process. If people have questions about content, you don't have to be the expert. Someone else in the conversation may be able to respond. If someone directs a content question to you, a way to draw others in is to ask, "What do other people think?"



Build trust and listen. These questions are designed to build a relationship of trust. Keep in mind that if you share about your own experiences, center it on the Blessing. Be open to where your guest is at and their own experience.

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Guiding Questions

- * What do you think it takes to make a marriage last?
- * What helps you work through the rough patches of your relationship?
- * Is spirituality important to you as a couple? If so, what spiritual traditions do you practice together?
- * Do you have a community that supports your spiritual self-development and your family relationships?
- * Was there ever a time in your life when you called on God for support?


Discovery Questions

Encourage more than a one-word answer.

- * The biggest lesson on marriage I've learned from my parents is ____.
- * I need to fight harder for ____ in my relationship.
- * My relationship with God is ____.
- * My views on love changed when ____.
- * I'm most proud of my family/marriage for ____.


WHAT'S NEXT?

So you hosted a watch party with a great group of people creating your own moment in Blessing history. **What's the next step in their Blessing journey?**


 **Run your own small group.**
Invite them over once a week to watch an episode of the Vision for Peace seminar together and discuss. The course is available to download at Leadership.FamilyFed.org

OR

Go to FamilyFed.org to sign them up for upcoming the Marriage Course for couples and Discover Your Authentic Self for singles.

 **Invite them to church.**
Invite them to join you for the next local church service.

 **Fill out the host report.**
Follow the link to fill it out here: [HOST REPORT](#)

 **Ask your guests to complete a survey.**
You can print it or share the link here: [GUEST SURVEY](#)

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Share your pictures and experience on social media! Don't forget to add the hashtag:

#BlessingCulture

HOST MORE WATCH PARTIES!

With the link to the show, you can host a watch party **as many times as you want!** Any day or time. There's no limit to how many people you can impact.