

Faith & Chai: Making Invitations

What is Faith & Chai

Faith and Chai is an interfaith gathering for South Asian college students from any and all faith backgrounds to engage in conversation about faith, culture and its influence in their lives. The goal of Faith and Chai is to listen, learn, have fun and go deeper in relationship with other South Asian students on campus.

Faith and Chai can be hosted for small (5-8), medium (10-15) or larger groups (20+).

South Asian student organizations love co-hosting this event! Research the South Asian organizations on campus and see if your networks overlap with any members or leaders. Invite them to co-host, attend, or ask if you can advertise it at their general body meeting.

Who to Invite:

With your friends who are helping host Faith and Chai, use the <u>South Asian Community Map</u> spreadsheet below to make a list of all the South Asian connections you have at your college (friends, roommates, acquaintances, classmates, etc). You will PRAY for and then INVITE everyone on your list to your Faith and Chai event.

<u>South Asian Community Map</u> *(after clicking it will ask you to make a copy of the spreadsheet.)

How to Invite:

There is no magic formula or words to get your South Asian friends to Faith and Chai. Having TRUST with our friends and making a CLEAR invite is most helpful.

We make the invitation and ask God's spirit to draw them in his timing. Whether they say yes, no or leave us unread, we trust God loves them more than we do and is already present and working in their lives (even if they are unaware of it).

Sample invite to share via text or in-person:

"Hi (friend's name), I'm planning an interfaith conversation night for South Asian students called *Faith and Chai* : We'll have tea and snacks and talk about



the influence of faith and culture in our lives. I'd love for you to join us! The evening is about listening and learning and having fun. Would you like to come? Here are the details..."

Next: check out the Leaders Guide on how to host Faith & Chai