

PREPARING FOR AN EFFECTIVE MEETUP

An effective conversation has the power to change the course of someone's life. However, effective meetups don't happen by chance. They are the product of preparation and hard work. Here are some ways in which you can prepare for a meetup to ensure that everyone gets the most out of it!

1. SPEND TIME IN PRAYER

At the end of the day, it's God who moves in people's hearts. Colossians 4:2 reminds us to always be ready for anything by praying. Pray for the person and pray about the meeting. The Holy Spirit can reveal things to you that will make the conversation more effective. He can give you the key to a situation they're facing, a prophetic insight into problems they're dealing with, and a fresh word to encourage them with.

2. ARRIVE EARLY

Make sure that you're always on time. This helps you to pick a good spot for the conversation, somewhere conducive where it's quiet and there's less distractions.

3. PLAN CONVERSATION TOPICS

Think of questions to ask so we can lead and direct the conversation. Talking about family, work or school are great conversation starters to break the barrier. You can follow up on previous conversations too.

Care about what they care about. Find topics that they're interested in, or that are relevant to them. Get on social media to follow them so that we know more about their lives.

4. COME READY WITH SOMETHING TO GIVE

People feel their time is worthwhile when they receive something. Think about what they will walk away from this meetup with. It can be an encouragement, prayer, bible verse or actual gift/blessing!

5. WATCH THE TIME

Plan the flow of the conversation. Small talk gets you started, but the most impactful time comes when we get personal. Don't end up leaving 5 minutes to cover a major area/topic that they wanted to talk to you about.

Be willing to adapt and change plans to suit the person and their needs. If the conversation moves to something personal and new, let them take time to share about it!

