

## Ideas and Resources

Here are a few suggestions for your Esther Experience event:



- ♥ Enjoy an evening painting each other's nails and experiment with some new colours...
  - ♥ Have a relaxing foot spa – it's amazing what you can do with washing up bowls, bath oils and a few towels!
  - ♥ Seek out those surplus (unopened!) Christmas-gift toiletries and organise a "smellies" sale.
  - ♥ Host a hairstyling evening: hunt out some style magazines and share your styling skills on each other.
- ♥ Discover your friends' hidden talents; one may be a fashion expert, another an amazing manicurist, whilst another may be an expert in head massage. Share your skills and pamper each other.

Whether you decide to hold your event in the morning, afternoon or evening, we suggest that you allow a couple of hours for the event and offer some refreshments during it; maybe coffee and cake or drinks and nibbles – the choice is yours! There is a photocopyable template for invitations in the pack for you to use to invite your friends and there is a photocopyable template of a poster also included which you can use to advertise your event. The letter in the pack explains how to use the photocopyable coin collection card which can be given out to all your guests at your event.

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“Raise funds for  
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persecuted  
sisters.”

You may want to take the opportunity during your event to share something about Release’s work; perhaps to show a DVD, to read a story from Release’s magazine, or from *Embrace*, or to listen to one of the speakers from our ‘A Garment of Praise’ conference. You may want to consider including a Bible Study on the story of Esther and in the pack will find a suggested outline and prayer points which can be used as a basis for your discussions.

You may even want to consider inviting a member of the Release Women team along to your Esther Experience to share a little more about the impact that your support could have on our suffering sisters. For further information about this or to request other resources from the Supporter Relations Team in the office, please telephone 01689 823491 or email [info@releaseinternational.org](mailto:info@releaseinternational.org).

Whichever ideas you use, the purpose of the Esther Experience event is to enjoy time with your friends and to value each other while at the same time raising funds for your precious persecuted sisters. You could charge a small amount for the event, or ask for donations towards Release’s work – perhaps just a portion of what you would pay to go to a professional manicurist or a stylist! The letter explains how to send donations to Release for the project explained in the pack. Remember to mark your donation ‘**Esther Experience**’ so that it can be allocated accordingly.