

Gathering Guide

You've stepped out in faith and are hosting a gathering. We know you want it to go smoothly. Here are some of our best hosting tips:

- Make a list of who you plan to invite so that you don't leave anyone out.
- Ask a friend or like-minded neighbor to host with you so you can pray for the gathering together and share responsibilities.
- Choose a date and time and decide how you will invite people. Will you design an invitation on [Canva.com](https://www.canva.com) (or use one of our free templates)? Will you invite them in person? Send a text or email?
- Consider asking for RSVPs so you know who to expect. Remember that things don't have to be perfect. Make things simple and do as much as you can beforehand so you are free to engage with your neighbors.
- Print out our list of Conversation Starters & One-Word-Answer questions so that if there's a lull in the conversation, you are prepared to help foster connections by asking everyone to answer a question.
- You've put in the prep work, now relax and enjoy getting to know new people. Trust God to lead each conversation and build connections.
- If you feel led to host a neighborhood Bible Study group, toward the end of your time together, ask if anyone would be interested in joining you. For example, ***"We had such a great time together. Starting a Bible study group is on my heart. Would you like to join me?"*** Be sure to collect contact information, if needed, so that you can invite them to the study.