

## TIPS FOR HOSTING YOUR OWN DINNER PARTY

Date of Hosting

Guests of Honor

Meal Don't forget the dessert!

Simple Questions

Ask these, or similar questions, to create conversation and engage all guests from the start.

- How's life going these days?
- What's keeping you busy?
- If you had more free time, how would you use it?
- What is a goal you are actively pursuing, or would like to start?

Offer a Prayer before Eating

Sample Prayer: Heavenly Father, what a delight it is to gather here with friends and to experience this wonderful time together. And yet our gratitude for you is even greater. We are thankful for the many ways you provide for us, by meeting our physical needs and our spiritual needs as well. Lord, help us to know you and to experience your love as we fellowship here this evening. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## Serious Questions

As the conversation becomes more serious, consider providing personal context to your questions or consider sharing an example from your life before asking the questions of your guests.

- What's a struggle you're facing in life?
- Who is someone, not in your family, that has greatly influenced you?
- What's the biggest difference between your life now compared to how you were raised?
- What is one thing you've recently discovered about yourself?



You may not get to these questions during your initial get-together; seek to be Spirit-discerning rather than forcing spiritual conversation.

- Did you grow up in a religious or spiritual household?
- How would you describe your journey with God up to this point?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?
- How can I be praying for you?

Think about a next time to get together!

Provide your guests with a Christmas at The Compass invite and ask them to sit with you at the service.

