



Week 13 | Doing the Works of Jesus: Meals with Jesus Gospel Community Leaders Guide

Pray

You'll be considering today how to reach out to others around you and invite them into community. As you begin, pray that the Spirit would give you wisdom and creativity. Jesus cares for those around us; He wants to lead them to relationship, not just with others, but also with Him. Pray that He would give you His vision to share life and community with those around you who may not know Him.

Plan

No formal discussion or questions for this meeting. Instead, you're just going to plan a party together! This will serve as a way of sharing the hospitality and kindness of Jesus with others. It's the best time of year to do it too! Memorial Day, end of school, and Mothers' Day are all coming up; everyone's getting ready to barbecue and spend time in the yard or the park. Consider:

- **Who do we know who is outside of community, and may want to be welcomed in to something?**
- **What would serve these friends?**
- **When and where would a party serve these friends?**

Get the logistics figured out, plan a date, do whatever it takes to make this happen. Think outside the box and pray for wisdom: what do people in our circles actually want and need? How would they be open to being welcomed into community?

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- For friends you want to invite pray
- For wisdom as you aim to demonstrate the love of Jesus
- Pray for passion within your group to continue this mission of outreach to others.

“We are not meant simply to invite people into our homes, but also to invite them into our lives...we are not meant to rearrange our lives for our guests--we are meant to invite our guests to enter into our lives as they are. It is this forging of relationships that transforms entertaining into hospitality. As writer Karen Burton Mains puts it, ‘visitors may be more than guests in our home. If they like, they may be friends.’” - Lauren Winner

