

WELCOME TO DINNER 4 EIGHT – A GATHERING EVENT!



The Gathering

WHAT IT IS: Dinner for Eight (D48) is an informal, casual way for you to broaden relationships and connect with the community. Eating together is fun, social, and relational and an easy way for people to connect with others. The goal is to have fun, engage with others and experience community. You don't have to be a great cook to participate!

This Model is based on what Jesus loved to do (see Luke 5, 9, 19, and 22) – we invite you to share a meal and fellowship with Friends you haven't met yet.

WHAT IT IS NOT: D48 is not meeting with one's current circle friends. D48 has focused to expand ourselves, our relationships, and extend the love of Jesus to people you may never have the opportunity to connect with. This is what Jesus is all about: making room for diversity, expression, laughter, and fun while we make room for others to experience His love.

DINNER FOR EIGHT BASICS:

Groups of 6 - 8 people gather at least 8 times for a meal over the course of three months (12 weeks).

Initially, D48 groups will be formed by The Gathering Dinner 4 Eight Coordinator and contact information shared within each group. A Host for each group will be appointed to coordinate the dates/locations although the meetings will not be the responsibility of one, but the collective. New groups will be added throughout the year with a focus to reach out to our community.

The designated Host per group holds the first meal at their home. Where and when to meet subsequently is up to each group. Group members, other than the host, may hold subsequent gatherings in their homes, but are not required to do so.

The meal, which can be a dinner, lunch, picnic, brunch or potluck, should be casual, fun, free and creative! You can throw in games, a football event, a hike or whatever suits your fancy and the season!

D48 GOAL:

1. Build a strong core with a collective purpose – Relationship building. Casual, Informal, spontaneous, FUN! Let's learn how to engage in face-2-face communication again.
2. Expand this Forum to 'Outreach' inviting others who you would like to build relationship, share Christ, and expand the Kingdom of God in a non-religious forum. People feel more comfortable coming to dinner than being invited to your 'church'.
 - a. This is a great way to learn to share our faith
 - b. Build your confidence and skills as we begin to reach out to this Community.
3. Jesus placed a mandate to 'GO into all the world.' His complete mission here is to reach others with Love to reconcile them to His Father. Every action, every interaction was deliberate and intentional. As the Jewish culture exemplifies in and through the word, 'not a jot or a tittle' will be left unfulfilled . . . We are to follow His example.