

HOSPITALITY EXPECTATIONS & SPIRITUAL IMPACT

A Guide for Community Group Hosts

"Be hospitable to one another without complaint."

— **1 Peter 4:9 (NASB)**

1. Your Posture Matters

WARM PRESENCE

Greet every person as if they matter, because they do.

OPEN SPIRIT

Expect that God can work through any interaction.

GENEROUS HEART

Small acts of kindness often carry eternal impact.



2. Create a Welcoming Environment

BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE

- Tidy the space (comfortable, not perfect)
- Soft lighting or natural light
- Background music set to a gentle tone
- Prepare seating that encourages conversation

AS GUESTS ARRIVE

- Offer a smile and a simple, sincere welcome
- Learn names; use them
- Show where things are (restroom, drinks, seating)



3. Spiritual Impact of Hospitality

YOU REFLECT GOD'S CHARACTER

Hospitality mirrors God's welcome to us.

YOU CREATE A SAFE PLACE FOR HEARTS TO OPEN

People encounter peace before they encounter teaching.

YOU PARTNER IN DISCIPLESHIP

Conversations lead to connection, connection leads to growth.

4. Simple Do's and Don'ts

DO:

- ✓ Be approachable
- ✓ Keep things simple
- ✓ Pray for your guests
- ✓ Stay attentive without hovering

DON'T:

- ✗ Apologize for imperfections
- ✗ Make guests feel rushed
- ✗ Overwhelm with too many instructions
- ✗ Underestimate the power of kindness

5. A Prayer for Hosts

"Lord, help me welcome others the way You welcome me. Let this space be peaceful, my words be gentle, and every guest feel seen, valued, and loved. Use this home, and my heart, for Your purposes."

