

# FIRST NIGHT PREPARATION

Hosts - Check your rosters online and CONTACT ALL MEMBERS one week before the first meeting and welcome them to the group. Provide the location and time of your group, as well as any entrees to bring for dinner/dessert.

## GOALS FOR THE FIRST MEETING

- Rekindle relationships and meet new members
- Clarify your group's direction / expectations / commitments
- Briefly discuss the sermon topic (if there is time)
- Pray for the building of relationships and spiritual growth of the group

## THREE ESSENTIALS PARTS OF YOUR EVENING

### #1 WELCOME, MINGLE AND TALK WHILE YOU EAT

Host greet members upon arrival with music.

The first seven seconds after arrival are critical for new members. Make a great first impression!

### #2 FIRST GROUP DISCUSSION

Sharing Activity: "Getting to know you" questions and/or Getting to know you game like 2 Lies and a Truth.

### #3 KEEP IN MIND, YOUR "DESSERT" CONVERSATIONS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR MEETING DISCUSSIONS.

#### Host Tip

Snacks can help make people feel relaxed and can help break the ice in your group.