

Hospitality Planning – Looking for Input

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Hej brothers,

I've been thinking on our discussion about hospitality, and I'm still trying to figure out how we can make it work. Right now, the numbers and logistics just don't seem to line up.

With about 150 people in our congregation (using a conservative estimate), and 6 elder couples, if we were to divide the congregation and invite them into our homes, that could mean hosting up to 25 people per home for a meal. And if we paired up, we'd be looking at around 50 people in 3 homes. That feels overwhelming, especially if the goal is to build relationships and truly get to know the guests. Finding enough seating for everyone would be a challenge, let alone having meaningful conversations with that many people.

If we spread it out over a couple of months, it would mean either hosting 12 guests in 6 elder homes, or 25 guests in 3 homes at a time. I'm not sure either approach would fully meet the purpose of hospitality, which is to connect more personally with people.

Hospitality is definitely something worth pursuing, but I'm struggling to see how we can manage this in a way that allows for meaningful interactions. Perhaps instead, we could aim to have members of the congregation in our homes at least quarterly, as a more manageable goal?

I'd appreciate hearing any thoughts or solutions you all might have, especially regarding how we can proceed with the idea of elders hosting.

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