

HOSTING A HOSPITALITY DINNER

As a follow-up to the All Together Separate sermon on March 3, Vox Church is encouraging Community Group Leaders and campus leaders at every location to host potluck hospitality dinners in the month of March or April. The purpose is to begin building godly, vibrant communities seeking to uphold the gospel call to show hospitality toward those from different backgrounds and ethnicities.

HOST(S) RESPONSIBILITIES

- Invite 10–15 people diverse in age, race, and life circumstances, including members of your community group.
- Provide the main dish and beverages and ask guests to bring a side dish or dessert.
- Read the BELONG acronym and conversation ground rules.
- Lead a discussion using the prompts below.

WE BELONG

Be authentic and offer your perspective.

Empathize with those who are a part of the conversation.

Long for unification and transformation in the hearts of people.

Obtain knowledge and increase awareness of others' experiences due to their cultures and race (open-hearted or open-minded).

Normalize conversations around racial division and reconciliation.

Give grace generously.

CONVERSATION GROUND RULES

- Listen first with the purpose to hear and understand one another.
- It's OK to agree to disagree.
- Everyone participates, no one dominates (take turns and wait for others to share).
- Approach conversation with humility and willingness to learn.
- Create space for each other to be and engage.
- Use difficult moments as teaching moments.
- Celebrate and encourage one another.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. Share something unique about your background, family of origin, or ethnicity.
2. On March 3, the sermon message explored the topic of biblical justice. What about this topic has been challenging? What stood out to you in the sermon?
3. Read Zechariah 7:9–14. Looking at verse 9, what does it mean to “administer true justice” to one another?
4. As a New Testament community, how should the Church be different from the world around us? How can you play a role?

