



AGAPE DINNER

Engaging your community with a heart for Christ

INVITATION

- Spend time asking God who He thinks you should invite to your table.
- Who do you know that needs to be in a warm home, a safe place, who needs to be listened to, or be cared for? (Neighbor, co-worker, friend, etc...)
- Pick a few dates, and give them a call or knock on their door. Let them know you would like to invite them over for dinner and get to know them a little.

SETTING

- The goal is to create a welcoming, warm, non-judgmental, and accepting environment
- Help people feel relaxed, at home, comfortable.
- Attempt to engage as many of the 5 senses that you can.
- A few details, that can make the evening special: a table cloth, a candle, some music, sit outside if you can.
- Don't shoot for perfection. Make it come from the heart and aim to be authentic.

FOOD & DRINK

- This can be a simple meal that you prepare, perhaps one of your favorite dishes, or you can get take out.
- Appetizers are nice in order to get the conversation flowing.
- Fancy dishes are not the goal, but a real and authentic setting.
- Dessert are always a nice touch. Keep it simple again, like cookies or brownies.
- Let them know they can bring something.
- Again, it is not about the food, but it is about having a welcoming heart and asking others to join you in a genuine experience.

CONVERSATION

- Good conversations happen when you talk about the other person
 - Focus on them
 - Ask open ended questions
- Start off the dinner with a moment of gratitude, individually or as a group.
- Here are more questions to help start the conversation?
 - How did you discover Crested Butte?
 - How did you meet?
 - What are you working on these days?
 - Are you reading anything interesting?
 - What do you like to do to have fun around here?
 - A good deep dive question is, "What is on your mind and heart today?"