

Eat Together Phase 3

First Pres Boulder,

What an amazing year of learning and practicing hospitality! Thank you for being part of this exciting experiment. We've completed Phases 1 & 2. Now it's time for Phase 3.

Here's a recap of Eat Together:

Phase 1

Dinner for 8

We gathered with people from our church family to build relationships and share a meal. We had 67 groups meet together before Advent.

Phase 2

Dinner for 8 + Frozen Meal Prep

Dinner for 8 groups regathered to share a meal, deepen relationships, and prepare freezable meals to share with neighbors, colleagues, or strangers in need. By our calculations, more than 350 meals were prepared before Easter. Be sure your meal doesn't stay in the freezer much longer. Share the love!

Phase 3

Host a Gathering

The purpose of Phase 3 is to extend godly hospitality, particularly to people who are not part of a Christian community. Our goal is to feed and offer hospitality to 3,000 people by August 12 (Worship at The Rez Sunday). Every household will host a gathering for people who are not part of our church family. This gathering may take place in homes, parks, cul-de-sacs, common areas, offices, etc. It can be small or big. If every household from Eat Together hosts a Dinner for 8 guests, we'll meet our goal!

Here are a few details:

While we hope you will be intentional about Phase 3, we also hope you won't overthink it. The simple act of gathering around the table to eat with others is a reflection of Jesus' life and ministry. Try this:

Pray. Invite people over. Pray. Make some food. Pray. Eat together.
(And keep praying.)

It is always a great idea to gather around your table at home – but here are some other possibilities:

If you live in an apartment, invite some of your neighbors to a potluck in a common area to get to know others in your building.

Go door-to-door and personally invite people in your neighborhood (even those you don't know) to your home for happy hour or dessert or a BBQ. Consider making simple invitations to leave for those who aren't home when you drop by.

Plan a simple celebration for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July - or plan a gathering for a summer evening or weekend afternoon. Evite is a free and easy way to send invitations.

Perhaps you'd like to have a low-key, get-to-know-you activity. The Rememory Game makes for great table conversation with all ages.

Share your stories

We'd love to hear about your Eat Together experiences from any and all of the three phases! What surprised you? How did God provide? What have you learned? Share your stories with us at jfilkin@fpcboulder.org.

Thank you

Thank you for being part of our church's hospitality to the wider community. As we gather together with people, especially with those who are not part of a church family, we pray God will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever, Amen! (Ephesians 3:20-21).

With joy and expectation,
The *Eat Together* Team