



## OVERVIEW

*All Souls exists to be a vibrant expression of who God is—gracious, present, hospitable.*



## Experience + Extend God's Hospitality

In a world that pushes us toward isolation, we need community—a place where we're known, loved, and belong. Hope Group is an invitation to enjoy and extend the hospitality of God in Jesus Christ who spared no expense to make room for us at God's table where he welcomes us as family. God invites us to eat with him, the host of all creation, in a renewed way as we remember Sundays at the Lord's Table. Home Groups are a table leaf extension of that weekly all-family meal Lord's Supper (aka 'Communion,' 'Eucharist').

### I. Giving thanks to our host.

We give thanks Sundays in a special way at the Lord's Supper and also in the daily offices (morning, midday, or evening) in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Before eating, you can sing a song if you want to, and pray BCP '[The Family Edition](#)' >

Then serve food + eat together. Cheers to our ultimate Host!



### II. Sharing as desired guests.

As desired guests, God seeks to meet us in our 'pressing hungers' or 'needs.' Share these with one another and God in prayer, *entrusting each other to **God's** hospitality.*

Take turns so that three people can each have about 10 minutes to share. The person to the left of the person sharing can pray, or simply lead the group in asking: "Lord, have mercy."

- What is something you would like for us to know about you?
- Can you describe a situation in which you feel stretched thin right now?
- What are you noticing about yourself in this situation?
- How is God meeting you in these circumstances? How would you like God to?

Keep in mind, this is not an advice session or 'a fix it' group to solve the circumstances someone shares (unless they ask for that!). This is a Home Group where you make room for one another to experience God's hospitality as desired guests.

### III. Serving together.

In Jesus's Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24), a yearning host asks his servants to find more guests so that his table may be full. He says,

*"Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame."*

*"Sir," the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'*

*"Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"*

## FOR KIDS

*If there are kids: Just like 'what the kids eat' is sometimes different than 'what the adults eat,' kids in the group can move to a different space in the house to watch a show or to play.*

## FOR ADULTS

*Have one of the HG Leaders invite two people ahead of Home Group to share at Home Group. That way you can hear from everyone, not just those who feel ready to share on the spot or who might share more easily than others. Save one sharing spot for someone who has a live issue that week.*

*"Everybody has a hungry heart." - Bruce Springsteen*

- What is something you as a Home Group might do together in your neighborhood or in the life of our city to *enjoy* God's hospitality in new ways as you *extend* his hospitality?
- What is a compelling expression of God's hospitality you might offer to a neighbor, to a local business or non-profit or school?

Use this time now as a group to discuss these questions or work towards serving together. If there are kids present, what do they think? Is there a family in your neighborhood that would benefit from [a meal train](#)?

- As the weather permits, break up into pairs or small groups and walk through the neighborhood. Pray as you go.
- For more ideas you can contact Kara (kara@allsoulsseattle.org) who is coordinating our service to the city.
- At the end of your time, pray together to close:

**Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.**

MEETING THE WEEK OF:

**October 1**

*Second Sunday Suppers*

*October 8th*

**October 15**

**October 29**

**November 12**

*Second Sunday Suppers*

*November 12th*

**November 26**

**December 10**

*Second Sunday Suppers*

*December 10th*

*December 24th Christmas Eve*

*worship and Dinner from 4p.*

OFF WEEKS:

*Feel free to meet during the off-weeks. Consider taking turns as a group of men gathered one off-week and then a group of women gathered the next off-week. You could also form a group within Home Group to explore resources from Practicing the Way.*

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