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GNC House Church Hosts,

This email is intended to provide information and suggestions that will be helpful as you host one of the 7 GNC House Church locations on Sunday, July 19.

COMMUNICATION

On the week of House Church, I'll Cc you on an email that I'll send to everyone who has been invited to your House Church. Once you receive that email, I'd recommend that you "reply to all" to make yourself available for any questions, provide any instructions as relates to "what to bring" and/or parking, and to let them know that you're looking forward to seeing them on Sunday.

HOST BAG

You should still have your host bag from the previous House Church gathering. It should have everything you'll need for Sunday morning and may need to be replenished. Contents should include: plates, cups, napkins, utensils, name tags, Sharpie marker, pens, Dunkin Donuts coffee (enough for one 12 cup pot of coffee), sugar / sweetener packets, and discussion handouts.

Contact Drue or Laura to let them know what items need to be replenished.

YARD SIGN

It may be helpful to put the yard sign in the front of your house so that people can more easily see where to go. It may also be of interest to neighbors walking, jogging, or driving by your house on Sunday morning. They can scan the QR code for more info about our church. Who knows what God might do with that! :)

THE WIN

We'll provide a few resources and ideas for how you can spend the morning. Feel free to use them or not. The purpose of House Church Sunday is to help people connect and get to know each other better. So, if people show up and have coffee, breakfast, and conversation, that's the win! Everything else is gravy. :) I do think that, if you follow the format and use the resources provided, it will be a great morning, but if God has put on your heart other ideas, scripture readings, etc., feel free to go with that.

SCHEDULE

- **10am** Breakfast & Connect
- **10:30am** BiOY Devotional (Open with prayer, invite people to take turns reading sections, discuss "take aways," close this segment in prayer)
- **11am - 12pm** "What's Your Story?" (Facilitate using the 5 Conversation questions (pg. 6) / Wrap Up / Take Aways / Prayer)

KIDS / CHILDREN

Laura will upload coloring pages for kids onto the House Church webpage. She will also email the pages to our parents with young children and suggested that they print the pages and bring crayons.

FACILITATOR

If you don't feel comfortable facilitating / emceeing the morning, feel free to ask someone else to facilitate. The role of the facilitator is not to do everything and to do all the talking but to serve as a guide and invite others to participate (i.e., prayer, readings, discussion, etc.).

DEVOTIONAL (IMPORTANT)

- It would be good for you (and the facilitator, if that's someone else) to read through the Bible in One Year devotional reading prior to Sunday, to be aware of where it's going and of the big picture.
- The printed handouts are the exact same content as what is found in the **Bible in One Year "Express" version of Day 200 "Just Grace."** For the link, [click here](#).
- **Reading / Audio options** - You can either have participants take turns reading paragraphs through the devotional OR click on the audio option (on the webpage below) and listen while following along. If you read, be sure to give people the option to read. Some people are uncomfortable reading out loud. The audio takes about 13 minutes. Having people read may take a few minutes longer. You can also mix it up between audio and reading. Do whatever you like. :) **NOTE: *When we last met on June 14, we decided to just listen to the audio for the entire devotional, and that worked out great! So, that's our recommendation.***

"WHAT'S YOUR STORY?" SHARING

The devotional perfectly sets up our sharing time around the topic, "What's Your Story?" You'll have an hour (may not be necessary). It is SUPER important to give a brief overview of the sharing time questions and suggested times (i.e., 1 minute, 2-3 minutes, 3-5 minutes). If someone share for 15 minutes about where they were born (for example), they're not going to have time to talk about the more interesting and significant parts of their story. *NOTE: If someone runs out of time, there's always the possibility of coming back to let them share more, if there's time remaining at the end.*

1. **BIRTHPLACE:** Where were you born? Where did you grow up? What brought you to Atlanta? (Sharing time: 1 minute)
2. **WORK / FUN:** What do you do for work? What do you do for fun?(Sharing time: 1 minute)
3. **GOOD NEWS CHURCH:** How did you find Good News Church GA? What do you like about it? (Sharing time: 1-2 minutes)

4. **UPBRINGING:** Did you grow up in church? Did your religious upbringing draw you to faith or repel you from it? (Sharing time: 2-3 minute)
5. **FAITH EXPERIENCE:** Where there any significant events, life experiences, or turning point moments that were instrumental in drawing you to faith and/or bringing you closer to Jesus (and into church)? (Sharing time: 3-5 minute)

SHARING GAME PLAN (IMPORTANT)

The same House Church groups that met on June 14 are meeting together again on July 19. The June 14 House Church was Part 1. July 19 is Part 2. If possible, my recommendation is for everyone to answer questions 1-3. And then with the remaining time, to have half (or a little less than half, if you have a large group) to answer questions 4-5. Those who didn't answer questions 4-5 this time can answer those questions on July 19. Does that make sense? If not, feel free to call / text me and we can talk it through. :)

THANK YOU for hosting! I'm sure there's stuff I'm forgetting to mention, so feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Happy House Church Sunday!

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