

Organising a Family Group Get Together



The kind of function / get-together:

- Keep it simple
- Low cost
- Let everyone share their food and drinks

Encouraging all the members of the Family Group to come

- First and foremost, make sure that the Family Group agreed to have SUCH a function. If everybody agrees, then it is much easier to invite them.
- Make sure that each and every Family Group member has been given plenty of notice and has the date, time and place in their diary.
- Phone each member a week before to remind them. There's nothing like a personal invitation and reminder.
- Never change a date. If weather is not OK, have another venture/plan ready
- **NEVER CANCEL**

At the function / activity

- At the first 2 or 3 functions, or when new members are added to the group, have name tags, so that people know each other easily.
- When new people join, introduce them and ask them to share something simple and non-threatening about themselves.
- Don't do it all yourself. Ask others to help at the function.

General aim and purpose of this function / activity

- Remember it is to get the members of the group to mix with each other and talk to each other
- Remember any special events in the lives of the members or ask them, such as birthdays and anniversaries. People love to be remembered.
- The gatherings are for people to celebrate, enjoy and share their stories. The simpler the gathering, the better.
- Welcome everyone. Treat everybody as you would Christ. Just imagine Jesus is your guest in each and every member of your Family Group.
- Always be positive. Realise that having the responsibility for the function is a great privilege. You are actually serving Christ. He is in your midst and will be with you.

WHOEVER COMES ARE THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE MEANT TO COME WHETHER IT'S ONE PERSON OR A HUNDRED.

WHATEVER HAPPENS WAS THE RIGHT THING TO HAPPEN AND WAS THE ONLY THING THAT COULD HAPPEN

YOU HAVE DONE YOUR BEST IN PREPARING, PLACE THE WHOLE GATHERING IN GOD'S HANDS.

It is very important to have this attitude, so read this again and again, until you have it deep in your heart.

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