

Small Group Discussion Questions  
Following the Weekend of  
November 9-10, 2019

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## *Around a Table*

Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor

### Icebreaker

Describe a table, room, or specific location where you've experienced warm hospitality.

What kinds of things were present there that contributed to this experience for you?

### Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 2:42-47 a couple of times, in different Bible translations, if possible.

What strikes you, intrigues you, or uniquely speaks to you from these verses ... words, phrases, or something else?

What stood out to you from Pastor Alan's message on these verses, or possibly created some push-back for you?

In what ways do we see the ministry of hospitality central to Jesus' mission when He was here on earth, and why was He often criticized for it? (Luke 15:1-7)

Likewise, how can it be an opportunity for us to become engaged in Jesus' mission today, and why might we also be criticized for doing it?

In his message, Pastor Alan said, *"God longs for His church to be a family ... to provide a place where everyone is welcome around the table, where everyone is celebrated and valued and contributes. A place where everyone can relax and be themselves."*

When and where have you experienced the church in this way?

How did this experience impact or influence you?

Read aloud Romans 12:13.

Who are some of the people around you these days that are "in need?"

Even if it pushes you beyond your comfort zone, how might extending hospitality to them become a source of blessing or encouragement?

What are some of the barriers that can keep us from extending hospitality to others?

Which of these are the greatest barriers for you?

How can you become creative in overcoming these barriers? Be specific.

Who is someone you don't know well or is in need that God is laying on your heart to invite over to your house during the month of November, simply to share a meal together?

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