

SCHEDULE

september

- 19 Host training session
- 19 24 Hour Fast begins
- 20 Invite your guests
- 20 Fast ends

october

- 2 Prayer and praise night at FBC
- 3 Confirm your guest list and prepare for week 1
- 9 National Simulcast at FBC
- 10 Week 1: What On Earth Am I Here For?
- 17 Week 2: You Were Planned For God's Pleasure
- 24 Week 3: You Were Formed For God's Family
- 31 Week 4: You Were Created to Become Like Christ

november

- 7 Week 5: You Were Shaped to Serve God
- 7 Missions Fair at FBC
- 14 Week 6: You Were Made For A Mission
- 14 Ministry Fair at FBC
- 21 Celebration Weekend

Dear "40 Days Host",

We are really excited that you have decided to serve as a host home for 40 Days of Purpose. I want to say a personal "thanks" for your willing spirit and openness to be used by God.

I know that some of you may be anxious or nervous about what may be ahead. I want to reassure you that you are not alone. The Lord is with you, and we at FBC are going to do our best to help you during this time. We are excited to hear your comments and feedback and are working hard to provide you with information, tools, and resources.

This resource gives you an overview of what being a host home looks like, as well as some ideas and suggestions to help make your 40 Days of Purpose experience fulfilling and rewarding. The last thing we want to do is to load you down with more responsibilities, so we hope this resource is helpful in guiding you and giving you ideas.

We also want you to know that there is a team of people that you can talk to about your questions. If you want more information, please feel free to talk to Tim and Jenny Barrett, Curt Nunn, Joe Biggs, Jim and Julie Wieking, Gilda Spencer, or myself.

Thanks again for taking this step of faith and may God make these next few weeks some of the most exciting and rewarding weeks of your life.

Scott Wieking, Adult Pastor

what support do I have?

1

PRAYER

Personal prayer support from our 40 Days Prayer Team

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IDEAS

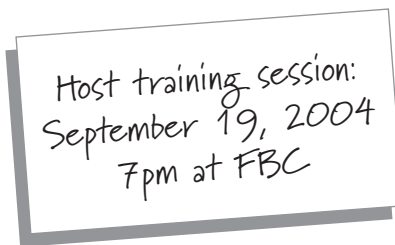
Ideas and tips on how to host your home group

PEOPLE

Names of people in your area who want to join a group

PLUS

- invitation cards to give to people you want to invite
- a one-hour host training session
- leader's guide for the discussion
- personal coaching if you need it



40 DAYS OF PURPOSE



helping one another mature, so we can impact our world for Christ

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how do I invite someone?

Be yourself.

Provide the day and time of your meetings. Write down your phone number and directions if needed.

Discuss childcare arrangements and options.

Ask for a prayer request that they would like you to pray for. You will be surprised at how positively people respond to this.

Briefly outline the group meeting so that you can let them know what to expect.

Take time to answer their questions and put them at ease about participating.

what are some childcare options?

Have everyone in the group be responsible for their own babysitter.

Pool your money together and hire a babysitter who can watch the kids in another room.

Keep all the kids at another group member's house with a babysitter

Parents rotate watching kids in the other room

what could a meeting look like?

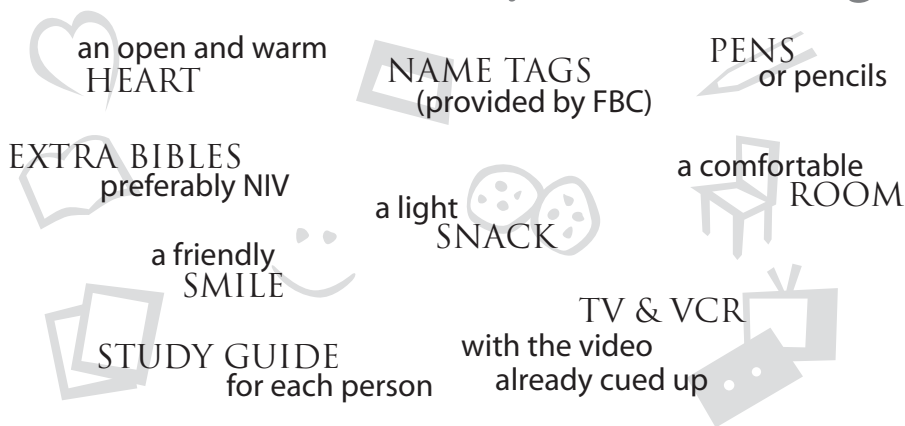
People arrive and spend a few minutes chatting and eating snacks.

You watch the 20 minute 40 Days of Purpose video segment.

You go through some discussion questions.

You pray together, and then people go home.

what will I need for my first meeting?



what can I do to prepare?

September 5-11

- Begin to pray for your group even though you still don't know who is in your group.
- Consider a casual barbeque for a few friends and neighbors.
- Decide on a day and time for your meetings.
- Read and reflect on Philippians 2:1-11.

September 12-18

- Pray that God will give people receptive hearts as you begin to invite people.
- Fill out your guest card list and consider how to invite them.
- Read and reflect on John 13:1-17.

September 19-25

- Attend the host group training session at FBC on Sunday, September 19.
- Begin to prayerfully pass out your invite cards.
- Read and reflect on Ephesians 3:14-21
- Take part in the all-church prayer and fasting on Sunday and Monday (pick up a fasting guide if you need it from the 40 Day Cafe).

September 26-October 2

- Continue to pray for those you've invited, and start follow-up calls.
- Decide and communicate how your group will handle childcare.
- Attend the all-church prayer and praise night on Saturday.

October 3-9

- Pray, pray, and pray some more for the start of your group next week.
- Pray through the 7 day prayer guide that you received on Sunday.
- Make reminder phone calls to everyone in your group. As you talk to them, address any hesitations or questions that they have.
- Pick up your small group materials at the 40 Day Cafe if you don't already have them.
- Encourage people to come to the Saturday night simulcast and to start reading the first daily reading on Sunday, October 10.
- Read and reflect on Romans 12:9-21.

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you're not alone!

Questions about hosting? Contact anyone on the 40 Day Groups team: Tim and Jenny Barrett, Curt Nunn, Joe Biggs, and Jim and Julie Wieking. Or contact Scott Wieking or Gilda Spencer at the church at 530.758.7100 swieking@fbcdavis.org, gspencer@fbcdavis.org