

# BECOMING A HOST

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Communal Evangelism Toolkit



## Becoming a Host: Our Role in Communal Evangelism (BEC)

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### Icebreaker Question (5 min)

What is the best party or gathering you have attended or given? What made it great?

### Hear the Word: Learning to See

#### Read Luke 14:12-15 (5 min)

12 Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." 15 When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

#### Discuss (15 min)

1. Who does Jesus tell the host to invite? Before and during the banquet, what are some things the host can do to make sure these folks feel welcome and comfortable?
2. How does this expand the host's vision of his community? Of the kingdom of God?
3. How might this both stretch the host and his community? How might this bless them?

#### Reflect (5 min)

Jesus told the host to prepare a place at the meal for those within and beyond his social circle. Jesus' hospitality makes space for every person and their particular experience to belong. Likewise, you are called to see not just those already involved in your community, but every Asian American on your campus. Become a host who sees and loves your campus with radical welcome.

*Take a moment to be still and listen to God.*

1. How is Jesus inviting you to become a host?
2. Who are the Asian American communities or friends that come to mind when you read and reflect on this passage?

### Respond Actively

Your role in communal evangelism is to become a host. The role of host includes 3 actions that help our friends feel at home in our community whether they are in belong, engage, or commit:

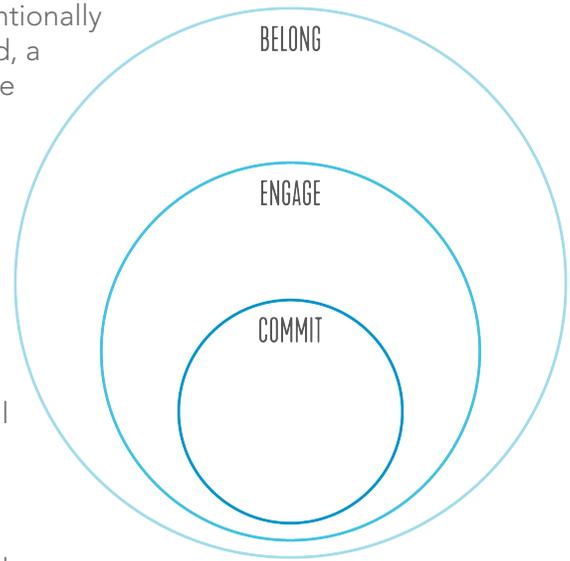
- **INVITE:** request your friends' presence and make space for them at events and gatherings
- **JOURNEY WITH:** support your friends on their faith journeys by connecting regularly and attending events together
- **FOLLOW UP:** initiate connection and ask questions about your friends' experiences

#### Discuss (10 min)

- Which action comes easiest for you? Which is hardest?

## Next Steps (20 min)

1. For this term, choose 2-4 people that you will intentionally be a host to. They could be one of those you listed, a new contact, or someone else. Make sure everyone on your contact list has a host assigned to them.
2. Write each person (or community) on the map and below. Write their contact info.
3. Next to each name, write the action step you will take with them this week. See Chart 2 if you need help deciding on an action step.
  - o **Invite:** Write **I** next to those you will invite.
  - o **Journey with:** Write **J** next to those you will journey with.
  - o **Follow up:** Write **F** next to those you will follow up with.
4. Follow through! Do the actions you listed this week.
5. Next week, debrief your experience of becoming a host with the questions below.



### THE PEOPLE I WILL BE A HOST TO:

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### CONTACT INFO:

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## Debrief

Reflect on what it was like to become a host and connect with these people. (10 min)

- What actions did you take?
- What was your experience like? Name 1 highlight and 1 lowlight.
- Try to identify where/if you experienced God.
- What are you learning about becoming a host? About God and community?
- What are your next steps this week with each person?

## Future Suggestions

- Go through the *Invitations into Community* and *Follow Up* trainings in the Communal Evangelism toolkit. If your team won't be doing them together communally, consider going through them individually to grow in invitation and follow up.
- Periodically update your BEC Community Map – adding names or updating where people are on the map and the host actions you will take that week.

Chart 2: Role of a Host

	BELONG	ENGAGE	COMMIT
ROLE	Build trust and help people belong in your community.	Journey with people and help them engage with Jesus.	Help people reflect and consider committing to Jesus.
HOST ACTIONS	<p><b>Invite:</b> to belong spaces and informal social gatherings</p> <p><b>Journey with:</b> attend events and hang out together, help them navigate and interpret the community, honor their pace</p> <p><b>Follow up:</b> ask questions to get to know them and build your friendship</p>	<p><b>Invite:</b> to engage spaces and spiritual practices</p> <p><b>Journey with:</b> meet up regularly and deepen your friendship, pay attention to how God is working in their life, honor their pace</p> <p><b>Follow up:</b> ask questions about spiritual experiences and invite them to take next steps</p>	<p><b>Invite:</b> to commit spaces and hearing the Gospel</p> <p><b>Journey with:</b> share your faith journeys candidly with each other, do spiritual practices together, pray for your friend, honor their pace</p> <p><b>Follow up:</b> ask about their recent spiritual experiences and discuss their hopes and hesitations about making a commitment to Jesus</p>