

# Circles of 8

## FAQ

1. Should children be included?

Each group will be free to decide arrangements for children. You are not required to provide childcare when it is your turn to host. We understand it may not be financially possible to pay childcare for each gathering, so be creative! If you would like to arrange for childcare during gatherings, Sonrise has a list of recommended caregivers available. Contact Stephanie Carrico at [steph@sonrisechurch.info](mailto:steph@sonrisechurch.info) for more information.

2. Is there a fee?

Any adult age 18 and over with their own transportation can participate. The only costs involved will be for food.

3. I have food allergies or sensitivities, what should I do?

Any food concerns should be communicated to the group during the planning process so that allergies and sensitivities can be considered when selecting menus.

4. Can I serve alcohol when it's my turn to host?

While the Biblical understanding of alcohol is a stance of moderation, we feel that not serving / offering alcohol for these gatherings is more of an act of hospitality. Our goal for these dinners is that people who do not know each other well will gather and build relationship. We do not know who may or may not be struggling with or recovering from an alcohol addiction, or their person stance on alcohol use. In an effort to increase the experience of hospitality, not offering or serving alcohol as part of these gatherings keeps participants from having to worry or deal with an uncomfortable situation.

5. Do I have to organize everything?

Each person in the group should take their turns at planning and/or hosting with everyone hosting/planning at least one gathering.

6. Is this for married couples only?

Any adult can sign up to participate. Groups will be created based on similar age and marital status unless otherwise specified on their sign-up information.

7. What if I can't attend all of the gatherings?

Gatherings should be scheduled for dates when the majority of the group can attend. To help you get to know the other members of your group, please try to attend at least 4 gatherings. Spouses are encouraged to attend a gathering without their partner if work or family duties interfere.

8. What happens after we have had at least 4 gatherings?

As a group, decide if you would like to continue meeting together. Consider adding a study or discussion into future meetings. You are welcome to sign-up for a new group if desired.

### **Suggestions:**

Theme dinners are fun like an Irish meal around St Patrick's Day.

You can choose to serve desserts only if desired.

Find a service project to do together as a group.

Form a new Life group and continue meeting together.