

## 4. Hosting - Hospitality

Hospitality is an essential skill for the group leader, but it can also be shared with a host home. This often creates a wonderful opportunity for another to use their gifts of hospitality while freeing the leader to focus on shepherding.



### **The Host Home's Role:**

- Your objective is to create a warm, inviting place for community group to happen. If you would like, you can provide snacks, drinks, and cups/napkins/etc. Groups may also make a signup sheet for snacks and/or drinks so that the burden does not fall on only one person. Work to welcome each person and make them feel comfortable and at home. The host also works to create an environment free of distractions for the discussion and prayer. Have the room setup where you will be meeting and make sure you have enough seats for everyone.

### **Fostering Relationships:**

- Greet each one when they arrive.
- Remember something about them – family, needs, work, etc.
- Offer something to drink and help them feel at home.
- Notice when someone is not interacting.
- Help members relate with each other.