



## SESSION 9: EXTENDING HOSPITALITY 1



-  You may decide to facilitate a whole-group discussion, divide into smaller groups, or pair people up to answer the session discussion questions.
-  You may have time to invite each pair or group to summarize their discussion for the whole group at the conclusion of discussion times. You may want to collect brainstormed activities on a whiteboard or easel pad.

### DIGGING INTO GOD'S WORD

Reflect on the following based in Deuteronomy 10:12-22

1. In these verses, what **attributes** (character traits/actions) of God do you see? What attributes of God's people do you see?

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2. When in my life was I a "**sojourner**"? Who extended God's love and care to me during that time?

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3. To whom have I already **opened my heart, life, and doors...** and shared God's love and care?

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4. Prayerfully reflecting, who might God currently be placing in my life that He desires me to reach out and love as a "sojourner", thereby **reflecting His gracious welcome into the family of Jesus**?

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## EVALUATING - Prioritizing and Nurturing the Habit of Extending Hospitality

1. Is my household more like a submarine or more like a rescue ship... and why?

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2. What specific concerns/burdens do I feel as I prepare to take new steps of “opening my heart & doors”?

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3. How can I ease these concerns/burdens and also help prepare my household for receiving guests?

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4. How does the Gospel of Jesus impel my desires and efforts to “open the doors” of my household?

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5. Has my household experienced some of the “blessings that go both ways” in extending hospitality or receiving hospitality... or... have our “open doors” or others’ “open doors” to us caused difficulty or pain? If the latter, how can we move forward with hope?

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## Top 5 Frequent Visitors for Each Type of Household

	Nuclear family household	Single-parent household	Multi-generational household	Roommate household	Couple household	Other household
1	A close friend 26 <sup>h</sup>	A close friend 25 <sup>h</sup>	A close friend 25 <sup>h</sup>	A close friend 26 <sup>h</sup>	Adult child 29 <sup>h</sup>	A close friend 20 <sup>h</sup>
2	Sibling 15 <sup>h</sup>	Sibling 19 <sup>h</sup>	Sibling 17 <sup>h</sup>	Sibling 15 <sup>h</sup>	Grandchild 23 <sup>h</sup>	Sibling 13 <sup>h</sup>
3	Mother 14 <sup>h</sup>	Mother 14 <sup>h</sup>	Neighbor 17 <sup>h</sup>	Neighbor 11 <sup>h</sup>	A close friend 15 <sup>h</sup>	Mother 12 <sup>h</sup>
4	Grandparent 13 <sup>h</sup>	Neighbor 12 <sup>h</sup>	Other relative 11 <sup>h</sup>	Boyfriend or girlfriend 9 <sup>h</sup>	Son- / daughter-in-law 14 <sup>h</sup>	Other relative 12 <sup>h</sup>
5	Neighbor 10 <sup>h</sup>	Child's close friend 11 <sup>h</sup>	Grandchild 10 <sup>h</sup>	Mother 8 <sup>h</sup>	Neighbor 10 <sup>h</sup>	Neighbor 10 <sup>h</sup>

## Shared Activities & Openness to Non-Family Guests

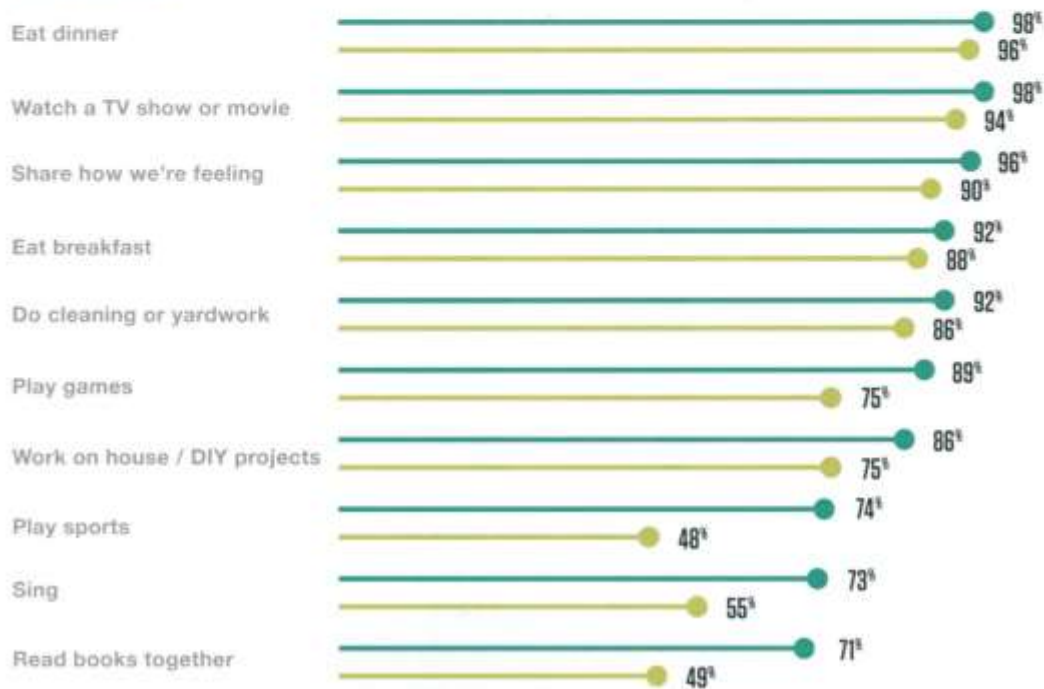
% of respondents in each household type who say they do these activities together with their housemates

- Households that regularly have non-family guests
- Households that don't regularly have non-family guests

### Spiritual Activities



### Other Activities

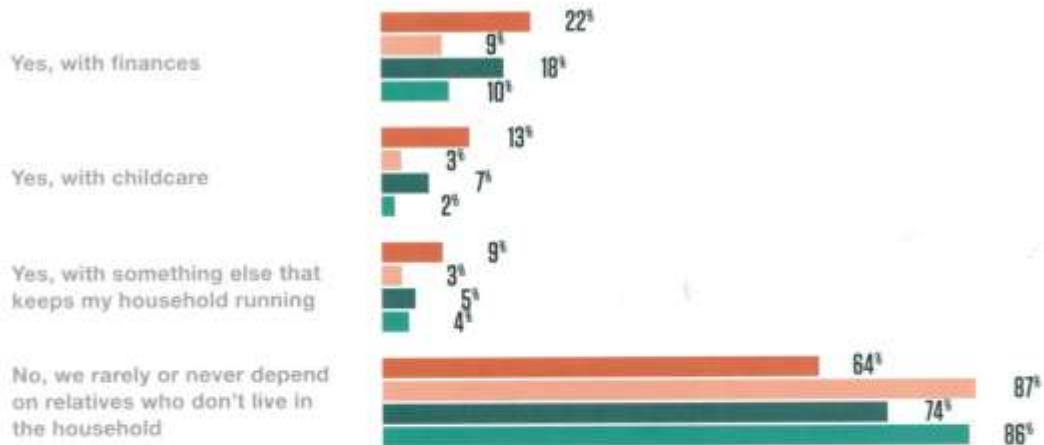


n=2,947 U.S. evangelical Christian adults and teens, April 8-11, 2018. Questions specified those activities shared with "the people who live with you."

## Vibrant Households More Likely to Lean on Others

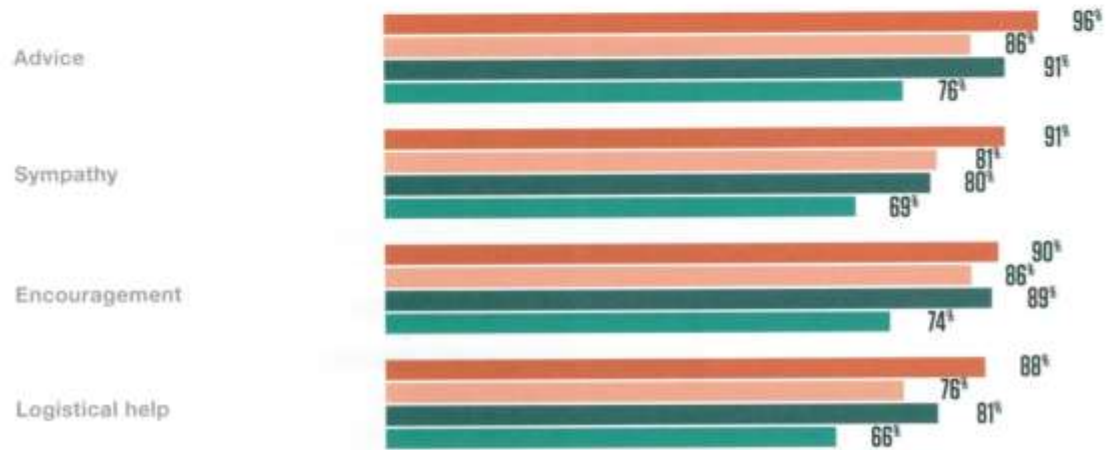
Do you depend on family members who do not live in your home to help with finances, childcare or other things to keep your household running?

● Vibrant ● Devotional ● Hospitable ● Dormant



n=2,809 U.S. practicing Christians aged 18-49, April 9-11, 2019

% indicates having any household relationship that they are likely to go to for...



n=2,347 U.S. practicing Christian adult softboomers, April 9-11, 2019