



Grandview Neighbourhood Cluster HOST - A Brief Description

Goals

Cluster Hosts are people with passion and gifts for creating community. They also have passion and gifts for helping a Christian community act missionally.

1. The goal of a Neighbourhood Cluster is to be a group of 30-60 people who meet regularly in a home seeking to be followers of Jesus together. The goal is to experience Up In and Out in new and fresh ways as a mid-sized, home based **community**.
2. The goal of a Neighbourhood Cluster is to experience **mission** as representing Jesus in a city neighbourhood together.

Heart - Some heart qualifications for a Cluster Host:

1. seeks to live out the Lordship of Jesus in every aspect of life, up, in and out
2. believes that God reigns and that He is active in this world, reconciling and recreating
3. believes that God is present through the activities of His people on earth and that we enjoy His presence and blessing in being and serving together
4. delights in the good things which happen when people get together
5. is frustrated by the status quo, in their own life, in the church, and in the community therefore likes to try creative and new things, especially for getting people together
6. is comfortable with a high level of uncertainty and chaos, even when they are hosting

Reflections - Some Suggestions for Cluster Hosts:

1. Provide a venue for Cluster meetings (likely your home). Don't sweat the cleaning, the group will bring its own mess and assume it was theirs from the beginning.
2. Engage people in providing and preparing food.
3. Ask people to help with everything/anything. If people ask if they can help, the answer is "yes". People who are nervous would often rather help with a task than be out in the larger group with no focus.
4. People will greet each other, you don't need to host them all individually. Spend time with people who aren't engaged with others and help them get engaged.
5. Assume people don't know each other. Put them at ease learning names. Model not being afraid to ask "please tell me your name again." Encourage hearing/telling stories.
6. Encourage people to help themselves. Seek to make them comfortable doing things for themselves, not by you doing things for them.
7. Seek to discover talents and interests of group members to help with hosting tasks. Give jobs away.
8. Lots of people means that you aren't stuck seeking to entertain only one person or couple.
9. Facilitate people making phone, email, facebook connections away from gatherings
10. Make/encourage contacts away from Cluster meetings.
11. Look for excuses to celebrate. Help the group learn to celebrate!
12. Share your observation of needs or concerns for individuals with the leadership team.
13. Encourage people to invite others. Cluster gatherings are always open to more and new people.
14. The more hosting is an extension of your lifestyle, the easier it will be for you and the more attractive for those you host.

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(Children? Good Question!)