



feast of plenty (thanksgiving or christmas)

Attraction

Free food and fellowship in a community that needs encouragement.

Bridge

A nonthreatening, relational event such as this makes it easy to share the gospel.

All church members attending must be trained in relational evangelism

Communicating the Gospel

After the meal, a brief time of reflection on the season and its meaning should be given by the pastor or another leader. Our thankfulness to the Father should be expressed, as well as a clear explanation of why the Father sent the Son to earth. A gospel invitation should be given in some form.

Event-Specific Preparation

- This is a great event to target a neighborhood which needs evangelistic presence and hope. For instance, a housing development, low-cost apartment complex, or low-cost trailer park.
- Work with the management of the various developments to stress that your church wants to make a positive impact in the community and is doing the event at no cost.
- The event must be done on-site—in a clubhouse or even in a tent put up by the host church (if seasonably possible).
- The event capacity/church-member-attending ratio must be about three to one or four to one so that there is a) ample room for the community you're trying to reach; b) enough church members on hand to counsel, encourage, and build relationships with the community.
- All church members attending must be trained in relational evangelism.
- Prepare handouts/flyers for the community describing church programs for kids and adults.
- Consider taking a program to the community (starting a Bible study there, doing ESL classes, financial planning classes; etc.)

Enlist, equip, and mobilize the following ministry teams. Refer to the Ministry Team Preparation section of the manual for instructions on how the teams will function.

- Counseling/Follow-up Team
- Logistics Team
- Spiritual Preparation Team
- Promotion Team
- Effective Prayerwalking
- Creative/Worship Team
- Budget Preparation