

# Friendsgiving

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*They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42*

Friendsgiving can be such a rich time to share in fellowship with one another, whether that be with those in your life group, your friend group, co-workers or neighbors. Sharing a meal together is a beautiful invitation to get to know one another in a more intimate way and have fun doing it. If eating Thanksgiving dinner once a year is enough for you (like it is for most of us ha!), we want to give some ways to get creative with the menu. However, you can make it fancy or chill, whatever you desire.

## **Some ideas include:**

- Pumpkin Themed-everyone brings a dish with pumpkin in it, along with copies of the recipe to share
- Favorite Things-everyone brings their favorite dish, along with copies of the recipe to share
- Trader Joe's 5 Ingredients-everyone brings a dish they created with only 5 things from Trader Joe's, again with the recipe to share
- Chili Charcuterie- divide up who's going to bring chili and toppings, then lay it out charcuterie style
- Soup & Salad

Tablescapes are fun and can create an inviting atmosphere. However, if it's too stressful, your guests will appreciate simple over a stressed out host. A favorite is to cover the table with brown craft paper, set out small jars of crayons, and line the middle of the table with eucalyptus along with pumpkins of various sizes/colors and pomegranates. Candles(even flameless ones) add a nice ambiance too. Adults and kids alike always love drawing/coloring on the craft paper. You might need to encourage your guests to start this. It can be creative, like offering a prize for the best drawn turkey or it can include some meaningful conversation like a list of what they're most grateful for in this season.

## **Here are a few questions you might want to ask around your table:**

- What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving?
- What is your favorite memory of Thanksgiving?
- If you could thank one person, (living or not) for his or her influence on your life, who would you thank?
- What random acts of kindness have you received this year?
- What are three things that always make you smile?

Wrapping up the night with prayer, giving thanks, is one of the best ways to center our hearts on the One who gives us so much to be thankful for.

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*  
*Psalm 107:1*