

# Dinner for Six(ish)- D46



**What is Dinner For Six(ish)?** Dinner for Six(ish) (D46) is an exciting way for our Bethany family to connect and form deeper bonds in a way Jesus modeled for us himself during His ministry... sharing a meal! (see Luke 5,9,19) D46 is an open opportunity to feed body and soul to bring about healing, comfort, and room for growth. With an emphasis on creating fun, meaningful, moments of connection and reflection that will be the foundation of strong relationships. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors who don't have a church home or community to join in this experience with us.

**How does it work?** *Groups of 6(ish) people* commit to meeting for 4 or more meals over the course of six months (January to June / July to December) The **D46 leadership team** (Pastor Rick, Jenna, and Tonya) will form groups based on general availability and needs of those who register. (We aim to sit you with people you don't already spend a lot of time with!), and will work with Hosts to plan for the first meetups. The **Host** holds the first meal at their home, and has a special role in creating an inviting atmosphere, facilitating conversations, and ensuring that a spiritual focus is maintained. The meal, which can be a dinner, lunch, picnic, or brunch, is typically a pot-luck. **Each Group of 6(ish)** will decide together where and when to meet next, agree on a plan for food, and discuss expectations/ hopes or potential topics for upcoming conversations.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- 1. Will there be separate D46 groups for singles/ couples/ families with children?** No! Our intention is to mix everyone together. That way it will be more fun! Some groups will welcome children, others will be adults only. You will indicate your preference when you register.
- 2. Do I have to be a church member/ attendee/ Christian to participate?** No! D46 is open to all, without any requirement to attend church services or proclaim a faith. We aim to make all gatherings inclusive and welcoming to all interested and maintain that all D46 participants should be respectful of differences in belief and spiritual practice.
- 4. What happens if the group I am assigned to doesn't work for me?** You can discuss this with the D46 Leadership Team who can try to find a different group for you if that makes sense.
- 5. What happens if I have to miss a group gathering?** Please let your hosts know as soon as possible.
- 6. Can my spouse/partner and I ask to be in a group with other people I know?** Only if those friends are unchurched friends, family members, co-workers, etc. This is about making NEW connections.
- 7. What if I have allergies or special needs?** You are asked to indicate your allergies and special needs on the registration form so that we can help you find an appropriate group for you and so that your host can be sensitive to your situation.
- 8. Can we have our meal at a restaurant?** Yes, if that is what the group decides. However, this is not encouraged, both because it could be a financial hardship for some, and also because the restaurant setting is often not as ideal for conversation.
- 9. What happens at the end of the six-month period?** Current Participants are invited to join a new D46 group, and hosts are asked if they are willing to host again. New hosts and participants are invited as well. [Of course we hope the friendships developed through D46 continue outside of the D46 gatherings]