

THE *Big 3*

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Missional community life includes a lot of eating together. Your meals should be a reflection of your life as a family. When we invite people to experience dinner with the Family—God’s family—loving them well is far more important than what you serve or how perfect it all looks.

Here are three things to believe and consider when hosting meals and parties:

1. **Treat people like family – not like guests.** You can help people get drinks or food, but showing them where to get it, allowing them to look in your fridge (behind the curtain) will make them more at home and endeared to you than ‘taking care’ of them all night. That also allows you to spend real time with people. I always tell people who are new to my home, *“The highest compliment that you can pay me is to rummage around in my refrigerator and pantry. Then I know you really feel at home.”*
2. **God is in control, and no matter who shows up or what may happen, you are still a dearly loved child of the all mighty, loving God.** Trust *Him* for the results, and remember that you are inviting people to experience dinner with the “Family”, God’s family, and loving them is far more important than what you serve or how you serve it, or who does or doesn’t come. You can trust God for the outcome – even when it doesn’t seem successful.
3. **Keep it simple and keep your pantry stocked with the things you can do easily.** Then, make lists, let people help and don’t worry about everything being perfect. No one is perfect, and you will help people feel comfortable much more quickly if you are willing to be imperfect... with grace!

Here’s the [Recipe for a Team K Favorite: Salami Eggs](#)

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