

DINNER WITH 12 STRANGERS

What –

This activity is a small, informal gathering of BYU friends. The name calls for 12 individuals but it could be 12 couples or any other number that can fit comfortably in a home. Using some imagination, this activity could be used for any of the 6 Chapter Activity Categories.

How –

A member of the Chapter Leadership Committee, or other known alum, hosts the gathering at their home. Search the chapter alumni lists for people you would like to know better. Invite them to attend and obtain a reply.

You may choose to ask them to bring a dish or, if fund raising, you may choose to provide the meal yourself.

The evening itself should have some sort of ice breaking activity followed by dinner and discussion.

Dinner discussion topics could include:

- BYU connections
- BYU Professors
- BYU Wards, Classes, Common Acquaintances, etc
- Campus life
- Etc

After dinner show a BYU related DVD and end the evening with a discussion about the future of the chapter.

Variations –

Depending upon which outcomes you are seeking you can vary the invites accordingly.

- If you are seeking to recruit new members, you probably want to invite from the higher affinity rating on the Chapter Alumni list or those you know like to be busy.
- If seeking to make new friends you may want to choose alumni from a nearby area
- If raising funds you will want to look for those you know have the capacity to be givers

Outcomes –

Some possible outcomes:

- Update Email addresses
- Create new connections (networking)
- Recruit volunteer help for future events
- Raise funds for chapter replenishment grants