



Hostess Guide

God is Near – September 10, 2021

Thank you for serving as an ambassador of kindness and hosting a Kind Table. This hostess guide, together with your digital hostess kit, will help you lead your guests through the Kind Table experience. Find more support at cultivate.sc/kindtable.

Your Digital Hostess Kit includes:

- **Suggested Agenda:** one way you can set the pace for your time together.
- **Kind & Curious Questions:** use this card deck to get to know new friends at your Kind Table.
- **Dear God Stationary:** print and use this for our activity detailed below.
- **Contact Card:** print and pass this around, then have everyone take a picture so they can stay in touch.

Hostess Notes:

As the hostess, you set the tone for your Kind Table. Create a welcoming experience that will invite your guests in. Go first by authentically answering questions, modeling kindness and encouraging each woman to participate in the way that makes them most comfortable. Everyone should feel safe and included, not awkward or overwhelmed. Be REAL, but above all else, be KIND.

Video Content & REAL Conversation:

Go to cultivate.sc/kindtable, YouTube or the Sandals Church Roku app to watch our “God is Near” Kind Table video, featuring Tammy Brown and a special worship experience. Afterward, lead your guests into conversation using the following questions. If your conversation lends itself to fewer or more questions, that’s okay.

1. Share a time you’ve experienced God’s nearness. This could be a moment, circumstance or season of your life.
2. God is near to us. He sees, knows and loves us in a way no one else can. But sometimes we forget. Is there anywhere else you’re looking for that nearness, love, acceptance and approval? Why do you think that is?
3. How do you need God to draw near to you today? What is one step you can take to draw near to Him too?

“Dear God” Letter Writing Activity:

Our “Dear God” letter writing activity will allow each woman to express her heart to God. Briefly open in prayer and invite God near, then give each woman the space and time to respond to Him. This might be praise for His nearness, prayer for where they need Him most or a commitment to draw near to Him more. This is a time to be REAL with God.

When they’ve finished, women can share what they’ve written, or not. However, use the contact sheet to invite them to pray for one another in coming days & weeks. Encourage them to reach out with a kind word, reminder of God’s nearness or just a “how are you?” As the hostess, do the same, walking with them and watching God draw near.

Next Steps:

As you close your Kind Table, what is the next step for the women around your table? More conversation over lunch or coffee? An invitation to sit together at a weekend service? An opportunity to join your community group or start their own? Step forward in faith and kindness, inviting each woman into REAL community.

Ready to start or join a group? Looking for weekly study content? Need prayer? Find it all at www.cultivate.sc