

## GATHERING FOR 8 (G48)

Everyone is invited to participate - singles and couples. Groups of six are formed - couples will be together in a group. The six people in the group will collectively decide on another couple (or two individuals) to invite each month to join them to create the group of 8. Each group will meet for dinner monthly for three months. The group can decide whether the host will provide the entire meal, whether it will be a potluck, or other alternative arrangements.

There will be an Announcement of Groups "kick-off" for Gathering for 8 (G48) on June 4, 2017 immediately after church. The make-up of each group will be announced at that time, and you can meet with your group to arrange for your first gathering.

Gathering for Eight Registration:

Names (both names if couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being in a G48 with \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any food or pet allergies - or any other needs - we should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any pets you have in your home \_\_\_\_\_.

I would be open to including kids in our G48 group.  Yes  No

## Q&A:

**Q: How does Gathering for Eight work?**

A: Simply complete the sign-up form for you & your spouse (if you have one). You'll then be randomly placed with others & the group of eight will be set. During the "kick-off" event, groups can gather to arrange their first event. During that time, the group will agree on a schedule of whose house to go to for the next month. The group can be as creative as they choose in the time they share.

**Q: All that sounds pretty good, so far, but who cooks the meals?**

A: Whoever is hosting Gathering for Eight for that month cooks or provides the meals, or if your group chooses, you may have a potluck meal or go out to dinner.

**Q: I don't have room to host a dinner or I really can't cook!**

A: No problem! Our desire is for you to spend time eating together, getting to know each other and to include everyone. Ideas might be to repeat a host home, but to potluck together, plan a picnic, or eat out. We want everyone to feel that they can participate.

**Q: Will there be separate Gathering for Eight groups for singles & couples?**

A: NO!! Our intention is to mix EVERYONE together. That way, it'll be more fun.

**Q: How will that be done?**

A: As we start putting the Gathering for Eight groups together, we'll split singles & couples into two piles, & then randomly put people together in order to make sure each group has eight people. Some groups might be all couples, some might have two couples & four singles, and others might have one couple & six singles. It all depends on who signs up. The mystery is what makes it exciting! If you wish to be in a group with a particular person(s) just list that on the registration form. We will do our best to accommodate your choice(s); however it will depend on the signups.

**Q: This is sounding better & better, but I have kids. What happens to them?**

A: The decision to include children will be determined by your group. Please indicate on the registration form if you are open to including children in you G48 group.

**Q: What happens when the three months are over?**

A: Hopefully, you will have had such a wonderful experience that you'll sign-up again for another round! Or perhaps, you have had such a great time together as a group and you are eager to continue on as a G48 group for another session or as a new small group. As the groups end you are encouraged to sign up again for brand new G48 groups.