

## ***Hosting Tips***

We are equipping you to host church inside of your home, but sometimes it can be a little uncomfortable to have new people come to your home for the first time. Here are some tips and suggestions to create that comfortable environment for the people who walk into your home.

- **Be the first person they see!** Greet them at the door, introduce yourself, and invite them into your home.
- **Let them know where everything is.** Show them the location of the bathroom, area where you will be watching service, where to find drinks/food, and where to bring their kiddos if you have childcare available.
- **Assign tasks.** Feel comfortable to assign someone to make coffee, start the service, manage the time, etc. Also assign tasks for the following week if you choose to meet again. You can even create a signup sheet.
- **Make the environment comfortable.** Be sure there are enough seats for everyone and the tv is visible for everyone in the room. Set the temperature to a comfortable setting and maybe play some background music to eliminate awkward silences.
- **Start with expectations.** Pick a time to start and end service, and make sure you stick with it to respect everyone's time. Let them know if they are welcomed to hang out after service is done, but make this clear to everyone at the start so they know what to expect.
- **Introductions:** After everyone is settled in, have people introduce themselves, starting with yourself. Have everyone say their names, how long they have attended Flatirons, and maybe a fun fact if there is time. A list of icebreakers is located on the host section of [flatironschurch.com/watchparties](https://flatironschurch.com/watchparties)
- **Walk through guidelines together.** These will be very simple, but still important for everyone to be aware of and agree on. These are located on the host section of [flatironschurch.com/watchparties](https://flatironschurch.com/watchparties)
- **End your time together.** Let everyone know if you plan on hosting again next week, but make sure you tell them that they have to resign up for the party. Direct them to [flatironschurch.com](https://flatironschurch.com) to do that. If you don't plan on hosting again, let them know they can sign up for a different watch party.