

REDEMPTIVE COMMUNITY AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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This project is designed for a group or community to do together. You will need to decide if you as class members constitute a community or if you would more effectively work with people outside this group, possibly in a church or cell group. Your goal is to be a community that is visible and available to those outside the faith and this project will help advance that objective.

Objective: To broaden your social networks and to become comfortable interacting together with your Christian and non-Christian friends and the friends of others in your group or community.

Rationale: Exposing our non-Christian friends to other believers can play an important part in helping them understand the gospel. Many Christians can become very compartmentalized in their friendships, rarely interacting with non-Christians in a social setting. This project is designed to help you explore the possibilities of mixing and expanding your networks.

Instructions: As a group, host a social that includes guests from your various networks; particularly invite both Christians and non-Christians. This is a social event, not an evangelistic event. This can be as simple or complex as you want to make it – diner out with a few friends or a party with 20 friends.

- Try to take your relationships with your non-Christian friends a level deeper.
- Try to cross-pollinate – make a friend with at least one non-Christian who is the friend of a friend and introduce your non-Christian friend to at least one Christian friend.

Points of Consideration: Make sure that you know how to navigate the complexities of mixing your networks.

- Make sure that any Christians you invite know that not everyone at the party will be of the same faith.
- Make sure that the party doesn't become simply a time of business networking.
- Make sure that the conversation is accessible to all and doesn't become centered on the hosts or become too churchy. This doesn't mean you can not have spiritual conversations.