

Gather



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This is the time of year when families begin to gather. Thanksgiving is coming, followed by all the many celebrations of Christmas and New Year. Here are a few tips on how best to gather with your extended family: Be a little more welcoming, a little more understanding. Be a little more forgiving and a lot more compassionate. Ask questions about what others care about and then listen more than you talk. Tell the guests at least one reason you are grateful they are in your life. Before you eat, reflect and pray together. Families are often on their best behavior when guests are present. So remember what Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Honor your guests as you would Jesus. —Tom McGrath

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