

## 20 Ways To Encourage Your Hosts

**1. Ask your leaders how they prefer to be contacted** (email, phone calls, texting), then contact them once a week, asking if they have questions or need any help; remind them you are there for them.

**2. Take your leader to coffee or tea!**

**3. Mail your leader an encouraging card.**

**4. Visit their group.** This enables you to see your leader in action, and to be specific about encouragements! They also feel like they matter – you showed up!

**5. Follow up with them on a prayer request** that they shared with you.

**6. Invite your leader and their family over for dinner.**

**7. Find and send them a devotional** that speaks to a particular situation.

**8. Make up a movie “bucket”.** Deliver it to their front door (make sure they are home ☺ then phone them to check their door). In a large popcorn bucket put microwavable popcorn, candy, a movie or two...tell them to enjoy a date night or family night whichever pertains to them.

**9. Challenge them to join you in a certain spiritual discipline for a week** and then follow up the next week with how it went. For example, reading a certain amount of the Bible, spending time in solitude, etc.

**10. Show genuine interest.** Ask them questions about their work, family, hobbies. Let them know you care. But don't be fake about it!

**11. Offer to lend a hand.** Find a need and offer to help!

**12. Make up a fruit basket** and deliver to them with

a note with Galatians 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

**13. Remember important dates** and send them a card (e.g. birthday, anniversary or holidays).

**14. Acknowledge your leaders in front of others.** For example, if you see them at church or out at a restaurant or store, introduce them to your family and say in front of them “he or she is on my team...they are great leader!”

**15. Mail or you can deliver a themed care package.** For example, if you know they have a huge project or meeting to prepare for at work...you can make up a package of office supplies, snacks to eat while they have to prepare, and/or instant coffee packets from Starbucks.

**16. Pick them up at work and take them to lunch.** They feel valued and it's nice to see your leader in their work environment.

**17. Buy your leader a plant** and tell them as the plant grows it's a symbol representing their growth as a leader.

**18. Send them a Christian music CD.** Include an encouraging card reminding them you are so thankful for them.

**19. Ask them to download and listen to a online sermon that's impacted your life** and discuss it together.

**20. Email your leader's group members** asking them what they appreciate about their leader then in a card you can list the different comments of appreciation (note: it's great to do this half way through the trimester...it will give your leader a perk half way through!)