

## **THE POWER OF THE HOME**

### **WHAT?**

A crusade to bring back the power of the home

Re-establishing it as:

1. Extension/outpost of the local church.
2. Primary hub for spiritual growth
3. Central environment for family development and health
4. Ground zero for missional living

### **WHY?**

- Personal Testimony
  - 5 principles - love and serve each other faithfully, disciple our children intentionally, give generously, open our home regularly, and maximize our ministry platform wisely
  - Sam/Ms. McDowell & Sunday afternoons, small groups
  - It's not just us!
- Biblical example
  - Treat others as you want to be treated
  - May not have the gift but are still called to do it, everyone looks different
  - "Host" comes from Latin word "hospes" meaning "lord of strangers" - compensating/equalizing stranger to the host, making him feel protected, taken care of, and guiding him to his next destination.
- Historical impact
- Changing dynamics of generosity
  - Not just giving, also stewardship - Not just about what you give away but also what you do with what you keep
  - Biggest financial asset yet our least used ministerial tool
- Shifting Church Growth Philosophies
  - Future of the church, expansion, shift in wanting to build big buildings, prepares for church growth
  - Balance of corporate and private service to our community
- Cultural Need
  - Third place - Starbucks - challenges of community
  - Practical and spiritual needs

- Ministry Benefits
  - Authenticity, transparency, examples of parenting and marriage
  - Making memories vs. lessons, experiential learning
  - Benefits our kids - relationships with others, hearts for service
  - Mentoring and discipleship, Evangelism, Accountability, Service
  - Replication - Teaching is more than Sunday, teach in the home, Psalm 145

## HOW?

- Advocate
- Educate
  - Boundaries - discuss
  - Making the most of our money, meals
  - Organization and cleanliness
  - Comfort vs. reality
  - More than just planned parties
  - Not female exclusive/joint venture
  - Ways to make your home feel warm
  - Get others involved in bringing stuff and helping
  - Examples of creative things in our home
  - Spirit of hospitality everywhere you go...about relationship between host and guest wherever you are.
- Integrate and Resource