

Series: GENEROUS November 3-4, 2019

Title: Hospitality

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Before we start...any stories or updates on the reverse offering?

1. What stands out from the verses below?
 - "You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:34
 - "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:9
 - "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:10 &13
 - "Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14-12-14
 - "Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!" Hebrews 13:2

As Bryon mentioned and these scriptures confirm, hospitality is more than a suggestion.

2. What's the difference between entertaining and hospitality?
3. If you can, tell the story of someone who has blessed you with their hospitality and how it has impacted you.
4. What works against us practicing hospitality?
5. Why do we think that ordinary commands like this are optional?
6. On that note, how can hospitality be radical and ordinary at the same time?
7. What practical suggestions stood out to you from Bryon's message?
8. What other thoughts do you have about how we can move the hospitality needle toward reaching out to strangers?
9. What's your reaction to this quote by Dustin Willis in his book *The Simplest Way to Change the World*: "The secret weapon for gospel advancement is hospitality, and you can practice it whether you live in a house, an apartment, a dorm or a high rise." (Sounds like munificent hospitality to the editor!)
10. The passages above call us to care for all kinds of people including immigrants, foreign exchange students and workers, tourists, etc. Spend some time praying for people on your guest list and for those who are here from around the world who could use some brotherly love.

"Anytime we practice hospitality we follow in the steps of our lavishly hospitable God." Dustin Willis

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"Hospitality does not begin with the home, but with the heart. It is not merely a calculation of available space, food or resources, but the generation of generous love, interest and acceptance. Hospitality is attitudinal – the work of the Spirit within. The practicalities are important, but these are not the starting point. Hospitality is not simply something we do, but something God does within us – a work of formation." – Unknown