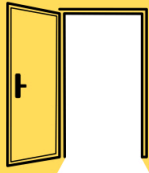


Reinventing Hospitality



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HOSPITALITY ACCORDING TO JESUS

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Always be eager to practice hospitality.
It's the Jesus way.

■ Romans 12:13; Luke 14

Reinventing Hospitality.

■ Romans 12:13

- Now, more than ever, the world needs Christians to reinvent hospitality.
- “Philoxenia” - hospitality = love the stranger.

Hospitality According to Jesus.

■ Luke 14:1, 12-14, 34-35

- It's about giving, but it's also about being willing to receive.
 - “Sometimes I play the posture of host, obeying God's commands, and sometimes I am in the role of guest, receiving nourishment and care. But we are always one or the other—we are either hosts, or we are guests. The Christian life makes no room for independent agents, onlookers, renters...and we must see how the principle of both giving and receiving builds a community and glorifies God.”
 - Butterfield, Rosaria Champagne. The Gospel Comes with a House Key (p. 36). Crossway. Kindle Edition.
- Counterfeit Hospitality. (Butterfield)
 - Keeps host and guest separated.
 - Comes with strings.
 - Creates a sense of us and them (noble givers and lowly receivers).
- Hospitality According to Jesus
 - Focus on those you tend to ignore.
 - There is risk involved in loving the stranger.
 - Remember God's hospitality for you.

Where do you start?

In a world of isolation, one act of genuine hospitality is worth a month of Sundays.

- Start with what you can do.
- Start with what you have.
- Start small.
- Start today.
- Start with a friend.

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Here are some things to consider at home this week.
Try them on your own or with those who are with you.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Romans 12:13 - read it, ponder it, meditate on it, practice it.

A DAILY PRAYER:

“Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbours and the strangers we meet. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities. Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do. Amen.” - Rebeca Jiménez Yoder

CONSIDER THIS (FOR CONVERSATION IF HELPFUL):

1. How well do you think our culture practices the concept of hospitality these days?
2. Romans 12:13 is a command that is given after Romans 1:1-12:12. We are given the reason why for the command, “because of how God is hospitable with us.” How might this help us embrace the command of 12:13?
3. What are some practical ways we can begin to practice hospitality during Covid restrictions? Be creative. Be safe.
4. Where could you learn to become more of a receiver than a giver, when it comes to hospitality?

Give
it a try!

Practice hospitality each day this week. Do what you can. Use what you have. Start small. Do it daily. Invite a friend to help you.



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