

LIKE A GOOD Neighbor



Power of Hospitality WEEK FOUR

SERIES BIG IDEA

We will be the _____ positioned to BLESS.

When I see Jesus in my neighbor, I will _____ them, _____ them, and serve them.

Biblical hospitality is the _____ of _____ for a follower of Jesus.

- Biblical hospitality is not having _____ and _____ over.
- Biblical hospitality is not _____.
- Biblical hospitality is not based on my _____.

Jesus revealed it's personal to Him when we welcome a _____, meet a _____, and care for the sick.

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)

Hospitality is _____ to sharing the good news of Jesus that has saved me.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

My _____ is the place to _____ hospitality.

Hospitality is inviting and welcoming in _____ and the _____.

¹²Then 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. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:12-14 (NIV)

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our "God is a consuming fire."^{13:1}Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 12:28-13:2 (NIV)

Hospitality is caring for those who _____ and are _____.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)

Hospitality is serving those who can do _____ in _____.

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13 (NIV)

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I am supposed to practice hospitality with _____ and _____ to share the story of Jesus.

⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:7-10 (NIV)

Hospitality is treating others just as our _____ invites us, welcomes us, and cares for us.

The church is at its _____ when each of us use our _____ to practice hospitality.

The first century church used their homes and the gospel of Jesus was shared around the _____.

If we use our homes, the gospel will be shared around our _____.



TEACHING SUMMARY:

We learn in John 1 that "The Word," who was Jesus, "became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus, who was God, became man and took up residence with us. Why would the God of all creation decide to come live in my neighborhood? Why would the King of all Kings become like me? Why?

Jesus took upon the life of a man to build a bridge of Life as an invitation to come to His home, Heaven, to all who would accept Him and His invitation.

The power of hospitality comes not from the spread of food, the cleanliness of the home, the quality of the entertainment, but from the invitation to a life that only Jesus can provide.

When we are hospitable to the people around us who we would normally ignore, God can show His love through us and we can build the bridge of love that can lead to people experiencing the bridge of Life that Jesus offers.

TALK IT OVER:

What did the message teach you about Jesus?

What did it teach you about you?

What did it show you about how Jesus wants you to live your life?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1) 3 John 1-8

Day 2) Philippians 2:1-11

Day 3) John 13:13-17

Day 4) Matthew 7:12-13

Day 5) Matthew 28:18-20

Day 6) Luke 6:43-45