



02 Practice Hospitality

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OVERVIEW

*"Hospitality is a very ordinary business, but in its ordinariness is its real worth ...
whatever it looks like, your own table is a sacred place."*

- Simon Carey Holt, Chef, Minister & Theologian

Hospitality is at the heart of the story of God. From the beginning of Scripture to the final vision of a great banquet, God is revealed as a generous host—inviting people into relationship, provision, and belonging. Jesus embodied this in a powerful and unexpected way. He regularly shared meals with people—especially those who were overlooked, rejected, or far from God.

Through these meals, He demonstrated what the kingdom of God is like: a place of radical welcome. In a culture that is often skeptical of faith, hospitality becomes a powerful form of witness. It allows people to experience the love of God before they fully understand it.

Hospitality is not about entertaining or impressing others. It is about making space—opening our lives to others through simple, tangible acts of love.

This week, we move from compassion to action:

- from loving people in our hearts
- to welcoming them into our lives.

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Opening Questions

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "hospitality"?
2. Do you feel comfortable or uncomfortable inviting people into your home or personal space? Why?
3. Who are the people you regularly share meals with?
4. Have you ever experienced meaningful connection or transformation around a table?

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TEACHING

If you missed the sermon, please watch it on Youtube or our mobile app. The title is "Can I Get A Witness ? - Practicing Hospitality" from May 3, 2026..

Summary of teaching

- Jesus used meals as a primary way of sharing the good news of the kingdom.
- In Luke 19, Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' home—demonstrating that hospitality is part of His mission.
- Meals in the ancient world were boundary markers, but Jesus transformed them into signs of God's welcome.
- Zacchaeus' life was transformed after he was welcomed, not before.
- Hospitality is not about impressing others—it is about making space for others.
- We often feel limited (time, money, ability), but God calls us to serve with what we have.
- Hospitality is often inconvenient, but meaningful relationships require sacrifice.
- Jesus both offered and received hospitality, showing us that openness in relationship is part of witness.
- As those who have been welcomed into God's family, we extend that same welcome to others.

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Group Discussion Questions

- 01 Where did you feel challenged or invited as you listened to the teaching?
- 02 Reflect on a time when you experienced “radically ordinary hospitality.” What did that look like, and what impact did it have on you?
- 03 What “limitations” tend to hold you back from practicing hospitality?
- 04 What is one way your home or daily routine could become more open to others?
- 05 What do you know about your neighbors? What thoughts or emotions arise when you consider having them over for a meal around your table?

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EXERCISE

Invite Someone to Share a Meal

This meal can be in your home; it can be a feast you prepare for them. Or it can be a food cart down the street from your work; and a quick lunch with a co-worker.

If possible, we recommend sharing this meal in your home. Depending on your living situation, you might not be set up for an invitation like this – and that’s okay.

Remember, this is about hospitality, not entertainment. Your home doesn’t need to be perfect to invite people to your table and your lives.

As you think of who to invite, aim for someone who meets three criteria:

- 01 They are in your life – a friend or neighbor or co-worker.
- 02 You’ve not had them over before.
- 03 They are not yet a follower of Jesus.

The Rule of Benedict says that “all guests are to be welcomed as Christ.” Treat them the way you would treat Christ himself – with honor, love, and service.

For now, unless an opportunity presents itself, don’t focus on telling them about Jesus; focus more on listening. Ask as many questions as you can – about their story, their life, their heart, their pain. Move the conversation from the superficial to the spiritual simply through asking great questions.

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REFLECTION

01 How did it feel to invite someone into your life this week?

02 Where did you feel resistance or hesitation?

03 Where did you experience joy or connection?