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## Hospitality

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We live in a world fluent in hostility, division, cynicism, and self-protection. Yet God calls His people to a radically different way: the way of hospitality. Hospitality is not loving someone like you, it's loving someone who's not like you. True biblical hospitality isn't just good manners or social warmth; it's a reflection of the heart of God Himself. From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals a God who makes room, creating space for humanity, reconciling us to Himself through Christ, and inviting us to extend that same welcome to others.

Hospitality is not a personality trait or spiritual gift for a few; it's a divine expectation for all who carry the Spirit of a hospitable God. It is both intimate and missional. Hospitality is rooted in God's love and prompts us to reach out to those who may never step inside a church.

## Key Scripture | Romans 12:13 ESV

"Seek to show hospitality"

## Related Scriptures

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Peter 4:9, Hebrews 13:2, Matthew 25:35–40, Luke 14:12–14, 1 Timothy 3:2, Genesis 1:1–2, Revelation 7:9

## Icebreakers:

\_\_\_\_\_ Q: What's one of the most memorable moments when someone made you feel truly welcomed or seen?

## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

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### I. Hospitality for Us: Reconciled with God (salvation).

Q: How does understanding salvation as God's act of hospitality change the way you see His love for you?

Q: What does it mean that "the cross becomes a table"? How does this image help you understand grace?

Q: In what ways has God made space for you when you didn't deserve it? How can you reflect that same welcome to others?

### II. Hospitality with Us: Reconciled to one another (fellowship).

Q: Why is showing hospitality to other believers sometimes harder than extending it to strangers?

Q: What does it mean to "outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10)? How does this shape community life?

Q: How can you, your friend group or your small group become a table of belonging for someone who feels like an outsider?

### III. Hospitality through Us: Reconciled for the other (mission).

Q: Who in your daily life might need to experience the love of God through your hospitality?

Q: How can kindness and welcome be a bridge for the gospel in a hostile world?

Q: What fears or barriers keep you from opening your life or home to others, and how might God be asking you to trust Him in that?

## Get Practical

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Sit with the Lord and ask Him to show you the people in your world who need a place to belong. Hospitality starts with awareness, seeing others the way Jesus sees them. Write down one name and one practical way you can extend Christ's love this week.

Remember: Hospitality is not something we have to do; it's something we get to do. Every act of kindness becomes an invitation for someone to encounter the living God through you.