

What Generous Hospitality Looks Like

1. Generous hospitality begins with _____ and a _____ for _____.
2. Generous hospitality involves opening your _____ and _____ to people outside your natural _____ . . . _____ and the _____.
3. Generous hospitality is a _____ and _____ of the Gospel, so when we practice generous hospitality we are inviting people into the Gospel's _____.

Ways to Begin to Practice Generous Hospitality

1. _____ *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosaria Butterfield
2. Love _____ when you come to _____.
3. Join the _____ at your campus.
4. Start _____ and actively _____ your neighbors.
5. Stop _____ and start letting people into your _____.
6. _____ a _____ that includes people outside your natural social circle . . . annually, quarterly, monthly, or weekly.
7. _____ on the Gospel, as you do for _____ what _____ has done for you.

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Generosity through Hospitality

Luke 14:7-24

Sunday, March 8, 2020

We're considering together what it means to live a generous life. A generous life is rooted in who God is and what God has done in both creation and the Gospel. Today let's talk about generous hospitality . . .

The Bible's Call and Command to Generous Hospitality

- 1 Peter 4:8-9
- Hebrews 13:1-3
- Romans 12:13
- Titus 1:5-9
- 1 Timothy 3:1-3

What Generous Hospitality Is

- Generous hospitality is _____, love of _____.
- Generous hospitality is welcoming people into your _____ and _____, treating _____ as _____ so that God can turn some of them into _____.

(Tim Keller)

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NEXT WEEK: A Generous Life

Generosity in Service

Luke 9:46-10:2

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Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

Connecting Together

As you come together, share a meaningful experience of hospitality you've had across your life.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Choose three readers to read Luke 14:7-11, Luke 14:12-14, and Luke 14:15-24. How did you come under God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
2. What does "philoxenia", the Greek word translated "hospitality", literally mean?
3. How does Jesus remind us in each of these vignettes that many of our social interactions are marked by pride? Why does generous hospitality begin with humility?
4. Because generous hospitality is so counter-cultural, it's also powerful and one part of a "gentle offense" for Christians seeking to reach not-yet-Christians. Why?

5. How does generous hospitality mirror and model the Gospel? How is the kingdom of God described in Luke 14:15-24?
6. What are your personal barriers that keep you from more generous hospitality? Of the 7 "ways to begin" suggestions, which one will you pursue?
7. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** Take stock and evaluate! How well is your Growth Group practicing hospitality with one another when you come together? Are strangers becoming friends and "family" as you gather together? Do you ever banquet or party together? Can you take your Growth Group to the next hospitality level?
8. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** What might it look like for your Growth Group to throw a party for a broader group of strangers? Who might those strangers be? What might be the excuse or occasion to throw such a party? Do you think it's possible? Will you go for it?

Praying Together

- Where there is sin related to a lack of generous hospitality, repent together.
- Where there is a longing to learn to practice generous hospitality, cry out to God for help.
- Share and pray for one another's needs and so be hospitable with one another.