

Toward Jesus' Hospitality



Common
Hospitality

Widening
Hospitality

Mutual
Hospitality

Share your experience of being welcomed

What made that encounter so special?

How did it impact you?

Common Hospitality

- Invite guests, serve meals, and have good-quality conversations
- Engage respectfully with openness and curiosity
- Share and hear each other stories, and cultivate deeper empathy and bond.
- Create a special communion between the guests and the hosts.
- This type of hospitality is quite valuable in a society where individualism is highly emphasized and where so many people experience loneliness.

Common Hospitality

- Numerous scientific studies prove that good relationship is the key to a healthy and happy life.
- It is typically practiced among people with similar backgrounds and personalities, people with whom we feel comfortable engaging. Ex: same racial and cultural group or people with same social status, or among same religious group –
- Examples at churches?
- Gal 2:11-14

Widening Hospitality – Extending our Table

- Intentionally invite people who are from different backgrounds, people who are typically not part of the inner circle.
- Intercultural, inter-ethnic, inter-racial, and inter-generational engagements
- Modern-day segregation: 94% of White Canadian's friendship network is 94% White – Statistic Canada 2013
- The gap is not only within racial groups but also between culture, ethnic, generational, and socioeconomic status.

Widening Hospitality – Extending our Table

- Widening hospitality is a countercultural practice and a way to witness God's love and the communion of the body of Christ
- In a world where xenophobia or fear and hatred toward strangers are intensifying, God calls us to practice philoxenia, love toward strangers, which in Greek means hospitality – Hebrews 13:2
- Examples in churches?
- There's still the dichotomy between hosts and guests; as a result, in this dynamic, asymmetry of power is unavoidable

Mutual Hospitality – Making our Home Strange

- The relationship shift into a more mutual interaction, toward mutual hospitality, where those who have been the hosts become guests, and those who have been the guests become hosts.
- People who were served will have the opportunity to serve and participate, and those who have been serving will receive and enjoy the gifts of the new hosts.

Mutual Hospitality – Making our Home Strange

- Matthew 26:6-12 - ointment from a woman
- Mark 2:13-17 - house of Levi and eating with sinners
- Luke 19: 1-10 - Went to the house of Zacchaeus
- Baby Jesus
- Examples in churches?

Discussion Questions:

1. Who Comprises the Majority and Minority Groups in Your Church?
2. What kinds of hospitality practices are evident in your local church, and how do they influence the surrounding community and neighborhood?
3. As leaders, how can you encourage your community to progress to the next stage?
4. What additional resources or support would be beneficial to empower your church's progress?

Remember, all forms of hospitality are important.

Please continue them!

**But, don't just remain in one type of hospitality
because ultimately, we are in the journey of
becoming God's family where everyone is included**