

SERMON: Radically Ordinary Hospitality
SERIES: Love Where You Live
SPEAKER: Pastor Mark

July 15, 2018

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE:

Hebrews 13:1-6.

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

*"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"*

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. What is hospitality?
- II. How do we practice hospitality?
- III. What motivates our hospitality?

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group.

Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Hospitality is a unique word that means “love of strangers” or outsiders. Read these scriptures together: Leviticus 19:33-34; 1 Peter 4:8-9; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2. How does God view hospitality? How is hospitality connected to love in these scriptures? What is your biggest obstacle to hospitality?
2. Hebrews 13:2 speaks of entertaining angels unaware. Pastor Mark said that the author is giving the normal, ordinary act of hospitality “sacramental significance.” That is, he is making a sacred act. How might hospitality be a way to worship God?
3. Pastor Mark gave us six ways to show hospitality:
 - a. Pray for neighbors, co-workers, orphans, refugees, immigrants, those that are different from you...
 - b. Invite people into your home (church members, church guests, neighbors).
 - c. Invite people to church.
 - d. Host a small group in your home.
 - e. Volunteer as an usher or host at church.
 - f. Greet and welcome people before and after service.

Which of these can you commit to doing? Would you like your small group to hold you accountable?

4. Motivation for hospitality comes from believing God’s hospitality toward you.
 - a. Look back at the cross. Read Hebrews 13:12-13. Jesus was treated without hospitality for us (think also of his birth, his ministry, and now his crucifixion- he never had a place where he was fully accepted).
 - b. Look forward to glory. Read Hebrews 13:14. Jesus will welcome us into the eternal city. We will be fully accepted into the Kingdom of God.

How does looking back to Christ’s death and forward to our eternity with him motivate your hospitality towards others today? What fears does it remove for you? What apathy does it remove?

Pray: Praise God for his amazing hospitality toward you. Confess any fear or apathy toward hospitality. Ask Christ’s hospitality toward you to capture your heart and actions.