

(Notes for leaders are in black)

SHOW HOSPITALITY: SECTION ONE

TAKEAWAY: Begin to define hospitality and reflect on its impact.

Show hospitality one to another without grumbling.

- 1 Peter 4:9

1. Can you remember a time someone showed you exceptional hospitality? Tell the story.

Somewhere in this first section, make sure to point out that hospitality is about much more than simply serving food.

2. How does it make you feel when someone is especially gracious and a good host?

SHOW HOSPITALITY: SECTION TWO

TAKEAWAY: Hospitality is an essential tool for evangelism and fellowship.

Acts 2:42-47 is an essential passage in understanding the function and behaviors of the church. It is a list of behaviors that defined the very first church. Included in that list of necessary behaviors is this verse...

And day by day, attending temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts...

- Acts 2:46

3. Why do you think God included hospitality as an essential ingredient of his church?

SHOW HOSPITALITY: SECTION THREE

TAKEAWAY: Consider the qualities of someone who is truly hospitable.

4. In Titus 1:8, "hospitable" is listed as a requirement to be an elder in the church. How can true hospitality also require spiritual maturity?

Another way of asking this may be: what traits and thoughts are required for genuine hospitality?

SHOW HOSPITALITY: SECTION FOUR

TAKEAWAY: Consider how you might implement this practice in your own life and the impact it could have.

5. What kinds of things or motivations can sometimes prohibit us from being hospitable?

6. What are some opportunities you have in your life to show hospitality? And what do you think could happen if you followed through with those?



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