



SESSION 4: HOSPITALITY AND “ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER”



IN THIS SESSION

There are many different “real time” definitions of what it means to be hospitable. This Session will attempt to highlight the gospel-centered nature of authentic hospitality.



KEY PASSAGES

- **1 Peter 4:8-11** ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If you speak, you should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If you serve, you should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.
- **Romans 15:5-7** ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
- **Hebrews 13:1-2** ¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.



DISCUSS

- Describe a time or times where you experienced authentic hospitality. Looking back, what do you think were the essential ingredients of feeling accepted by another person or a group of people?
- 1 Peter 4:9 teaches that a Christ-follower’s hospitality should be “without grumbling.” Is it important that he includes that distinction? Why or why not?
- The Session mentioned that accepting other Christ-followers is borne out of an appreciation for the gospel. In what tangible ways can you further allow the gospel to provide motivation for meeting the needs of others?
- Describe how you can intentionally begin to engage Hospitality or a warm, inviting acceptance of other people in the Body of Christ (and, for that matter, those who don’t follow Jesus as well). List some spaces or environments where you might be able to practice Hospitality in a real way. Ask your discipler or group to find creative ways to continually challenge you in this and mark them down.



PRAY

Pray that the impact of the gospel would run so deep that hospitality would become second nature in your life. Invite Jesus to bring to your attention specific individuals who need care or for occasions to practice accepting others in the way we’re given in Romans 15:7.