



2026 Focus: Rooted, Ready, Resilient Jeremiah 17:7-8

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Producing Through Radical Hospitality

Romans 12:9-13 NLT, 1 Peter 4:7-9 NKJV

The purpose of the book is to help us not guide us. The Holy spirit, our mission and vision are our guide.

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with all my whole heart. Psalm 119:33-34 NKJV

Point to Ponder- *Vibrant, Fruitful Congregations Practice Radical Hospitality.*

Retention and Growth is directly tied to Hospitality. In Fact, 60-80% of retention is due to hospitality experience not just the sermon. Since this is the case it makes sense to Major in Hospitality, if we are serious about growing the Kingdom. Matthew 9:36-37

Our Working definition for radical hospitality is: *Out of the **genuine love** for **Christ** and for **others**, individuals take the initiative to **invite, welcome, and include newcomers** and **help** them grow in faith so they become part of the Body of Christ. Matthew 22:37-39*

Radical means being drastically different from ordinary practice. It's going beyond what is normal and expected. It provokes actions that exceed expectations and reflects the spirit of "going the second mile." **Radical Hospitality changes everything.** When practiced intentionally, it transforms how people experience the church and the love of Christ. For practical ways to begin practicing Radical Hospitality right away, **review pages 35–39**, which provide ideas that can be implemented immediately.

Radical Hospitality Goes Beyond Being Friendly- *It is saying " I see you, I hear you, you are important, and you belong". It fills a void that most people are longing for but seldomly get.*

New Direction: It use to be that people had to **behave in order to belong**. Now we want people to **belong and then behave** (*so they can learn how to behave*). That's biblical. *Matthew 4:19, Matthew 11:28-30*

It Requires Change and Sacrifice- *It is intentional and continuous. It is not a project that can be done once and then we are done, It's Ministry. Philippians 2:3-4, John 8:31-32*

What practicing radical hospitality means for us:

- Changing church routines- *Remembering the **why** not just the **how**. Tell the why: **why Bible study, why giving, why Prayer**. Tell what it has done for you.*
- Adjusting traditions- *Tradition should never violate the **Truth of Scriptures**. Mark 7:9*
- Making room for newcomers- Make it **priority**. Be willing to **Disciple**. **Don't Allow rules to keep people out**. *Mark 7:5-8*
- Prioritizing mission over preferences- *What God has given the church is more important than **personal taste, traditions or comfort**. Mark 7:13*

Mt. Zion must change in order to reach people. *We must be a **reaching church** not just a **keeping church**. Remember Radical Hospitality changes everything.*

Radical Hospitality is Everyone's Responsibility- *Romans 12:9-13*

Radical hospitality is not just the job of **greeters, deacons, pastors or leaders**.

Everyone participates by:

- **Inviting people to Jesus-** *Through our lifestyle and Witness.*
- **Speaking to guests and members-** *with genuine Care and Compassion. Not just a drive by.*
- **Building relationships with guest and members -** *move out of your comfort zone.*
- **Making people feel they belong -** *invite them to be a part of what you are doing*