

GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

Kingdom Values : Hospitality

Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:13

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QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

Growing up, who had the house where people always seemed welcome? What made it feel that way?

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage(s) out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

***We open our lives.** Because God has welcomed us into his family, we make room for others in ours. Through Jesus, God has brought us near, adopted us as his children, and given us a place to belong and flourish. That new identity changes how we live: as brothers and sisters. Because our place in God's family is secure, we can turn our attention outward - opening our homes, time, attention, relationships, and lives for the good and flourishing of others. Biblical hospitality is a way of life that says to another person, "There is room for you here."*

LEARN

These questions help us learn God's truth about himself, us, and our world

- Read Acts 2:42-47. The early church in Acts 2 dynamically blended temple worship with breaking bread in their homes. Why is the "living room" just as vital to our discipleship as the "sanctuary"?
- Read Romans 8:14-17. What does Paul say is true of those who are in Christ? How might being secure in that identity free us to turn our attention toward other people?
- Read Romans 12:9-17. What words or actions does Paul use to describe life together in God's family? What do you notice about the kind of relationships he envisions?
- Romans 12:13 says to "contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." What distinction do you see between those two commands? How does that help us understand biblical hospitality as more than caring for people we already know?

LIVE

These questions allow that truth we're learning to confront, encourage, and reshape our actual lives.

- What values or patterns in our culture make biblical hospitality difficult to practice?
- Round Rock is full of busy professionals, young families, and people experiencing suburban isolation. What are the biggest barriers preventing you from opening your home or your life to others right now?
- Who is someone on the fringes of your neighborhood, workplace, or even our church gatherings that you can intentionally invite further into your life this week?
- The sermon said, "Hospitality is about who your life is oriented toward." Where are you most tempted to protect your time, space, energy, relationships, or resources for yourself? What might it look like to make some of that available for the good of someone else?
- What steps can we take as a group to move toward being a more open community?
- **How is the Holy Spirit confronting, encouraging, or reshaping you personally from this text and discussion - and how could you live differently this coming week in light of it?**

PRAY

- Ways to pray:
 - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word
 - Pray by name for one person you know who is far from God
 - Pray for personal needs of other group members
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: [Pray that we would be a people who open our lives.](#)

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. **Pray** - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.
2. **Listen** - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.
3. **Apply** - Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.
4. **Confess** - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.
5. **Encourage** - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

None this week.