



Sermon Discussion Guide

August 30, 2026 | Healthy Homes: Hospitality | Romans 12:9-13 & 1 Peter 4:7-11 | Hector

Summary

Big Idea: True Hospitality is Rooted in the Gospel. True hospitality grows from, is sustained in, and directs others toward the good news of Jesus.

In Romans 12:9 and 1 Peter 4:8, Christians are called to show the “genuine” (unhypocritical) and “earnest” (diligent) love of Christ to both the saints and to those who are outside the family of God. Chief among the ways we demonstrate Christ’s love, is through showing hospitality. More than merely a checkbox on a to-do list, God desire to transform our hearts, making us hospitable people from the inside out – having been welcomed by God through Jesus, we desire others to experience God’s welcome through us.

Discussion Questions

1. What comes to your mind first when you hear the word, hospitality?

Read Romans 12:9-13 and 1 Peter 4:8-11

2. What similarities/differences do you see?
3. What do both of these passages contribute to our understanding of hospitality?
 - a. How would you define hospitality, biblically?
4. What is the difference between biblical hospitality and what we may consider to be man-centered hospitality, or ‘entertaining’?
5. Would you agree that Jesus was the most hospitable person?
 - a. How does the fact that he didn’t have an earthly house, influence your understanding of what it means to truly be hospitable?
6. Do you consider yourself to be a hospitable person? Why or why not?
7. What hurdles or obstacles in your life hinder your hospitality?
 - a. Do those hindrances align more with an understanding of hospitality that is biblical or cultural / entertaining?
8. Are there any boundaries or limits to your hospitality?
 - a. For what reasons would you, or have you, chosen to not invite someone into your life, your heart, your house, your life group?
 - b. How does the gospel and God’s heartbeat toward the stranger speak to that?
9. How does God demonstrate his hospitality?
 - a. What amazes you about God’s merciful reception of you into his eternal household?
 - b. How does the gospel transform how we view those who are outsiders, strangers, people who are not like us?
10. What is one step of obedience that this teaching prompts you toward?
 - a. What heart posture accompanies that step?