

Sermon Text Discussion June 16, 2019

Matthew 10 Hospitality (John Supica)

Overview

We may not always link acts of hospitality to the Jesus's commission to make disciples. Today we will explore this connection and we will better understand the importance of practicing hospitality as it relates to being and making disciples using this outline:

- God takes initiative in showing hospitality.
- God richly rewards hospitality.
- God reveals our hearts through hospitality.
- We will consider different ways to practice the art of hospitality as an act of worship.

Quotations

"We don't worry about what the unbelieving neighbors think, because the unbelieving neighbors are right here sharing our table, and they are more than happy to tell us what they think." Rosaria Butterfield

"The person who receives the twelve into their home also receives Jesus, his word, his ways, and his gospel, expressing solidarity with the people of God." Don Carson

"Good intentions will forever remain good intentions without a little planning and effort." John Supica

Understanding & Application

1. Define hospitality. What are some specific acts of hospitality you have seen, experienced, or demonstrated?
2. Throughout the Bible, God models the importance of hospitality in His pursuit of us. List and discuss specific biblical examples of God's pursuit. What do these examples show us in how we are to demonstrate hospitality?
3. Read Matthew 10:41-42. How can you receive the reward God intends for a prophet, a righteous man, and a disciple? Discuss what that reward might be. Practically, what can you do to receive this reward?
4. How do simple acts of hospitality, such as providing a cup of cold water to one in need, reveal our hearts towards making disciples?
5. Litmus test: Rate how you are doing in each of the following areas of hospitality and discuss the results as a small group. What practical steps can you take (individually and as a small group) to improve in each.
 - Expressing hospitality to one another here on a Sunday morning
 - Hosting an impromptu lunch after service
 - Hosting guests to your home to share a meal or dessert
 - Inviting someone to meet you at a park or event just to share time together
 - Doing daily, routine tasks with friends – grocery shopping, hardware store runs
 - Attend a sporting event of a friend's child
 - Taking initiative to talk to neighbors
 - Learn how to do hospitality well from others
 - Read a book on how to do hospitality well