

## Sermon Text Discussion Notes 5/12/2019

Luke 14: 1-24 “Hospitality: An Essential Tool in Discipleship”

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*Hospitality on Mission*

### Overview

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In studying hospitality we've discovered that it is a posture of welcome toward others, an opening of your heart and home to people. Putting a welcome mat down in front of your life and inviting people in is a key way to make disciples of Jesus. In this Luke 14 passage we learn that the true hospitality shown by Jesus exposes our hearts, shows us the kingdom, and matters for mission. Exposes our Hearts – The way in which we engage with hospitality reveals our heart and our values. The manner in which we experience meals reveals our vision of life. Shows us the Kingdom – When Jesus offers the Kingdom it is like a feast. But Israel rejects Jesus and acts like the invited guests in the parable who decline their invitation. Matters for Mission – Meals were one of the primary ways Jesus got to know people and invite them to follow him. Hospitality in our homes provides a great context to talk about what matters most in life and shows people the hospitable heart of God as we extend generous hospitality to them.

### Quotations

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*“Hospitality isn’t just about opening your home—it’s about opening your heart and life. It’s a posture of welcome. You can do this even if you don’t have a place to invite people into. You can be hospitable when you are the guest. That’s part of Jesus’ point here. When you are a guest, don’t take the places of honor. Don’t just talk to the important people. Don’t just talk to people you know and like. Look for the loneliest person in the room and talk to them. Look for the person who doesn’t have anyone else to talk to, and talk to them.* Drew Hunter

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) Are there ways you could better put a welcome mat down in front of your life and invite people in?
- 2) What are the qualities of a person who has received the generous hospitality of the Lord and then genuinely offers hospitality as a way of life to others?
- 3) How does the practice of hospitality cut against the prominent cultural features of individualism, consumerism, and tribalism? Why is it important for a Christian to be counter-cultural in these ways?
- 4) Where do you struggle to humble yourself and wait for the Lord in His timing to be the one who exalts you?
- 5) What does the way you typically experience your meals reveal about your vision of life (frequency with others, tone, topics of conversation, kind of people invited)?
- 6) What would it mean for you to invite others to your home with a missional mindset?

