



A SEAT AT THE
Table



You're Invited

What is Hospitality?

Hospitality is when the identity of a stranger is transformed into that of a guest. The primary impulse of hospitality is to create a safe and welcoming place where a stranger can be converted into a friend. The practice of hospitality to strangers very frequently hopes to create relationships and friendships between those who were previously either alienated, at enmity, or simply unknown to one another.

- Joshua Jipp

One of the key Greek words in the New Testament that we translate into hospitality is the word philoxenia. Philoxenia combines the general word for love or affection for people (phileo), and the word for stranger (xenos).



Romans 12:13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

- *This is where philoxenia is used. To read it word for word, literally: Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice love of the stranger.*

1 Peter 4:9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Titus 1:7-8 Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good...

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

What is Biblical Hospitality?

God's relationship to his people is fundamentally an act of hospitality to strangers, as God makes space for "the other," by inviting humanity into a relationship with him. God's hospitality is extended to his lost, broken, needy, and often stigmatized people.

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This divine hospitality comes to us in the person of Jesus, the divine host who extends God's hospitality to sinners, outcasts, and strangers and thereby draws them—and us—into friendship with God. God's embrace of humanity into friendship with him is the ultimate form of welcoming the stranger.

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Jesus grants divine hospitality to the “other” without distinction, and this is exemplified in how Jesus welcomes everyone: The sinners and the religious, both men and women, the rich and poor, and Jews and Gentiles. All are welcome and all are invited.

Luke 5:27-32

Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.



Luke 5:27-32

But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.





**Sometimes hospitality is
best shown when someone
invites us into their space,
and we say, “yes!”**



Luke 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”



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John Climacus

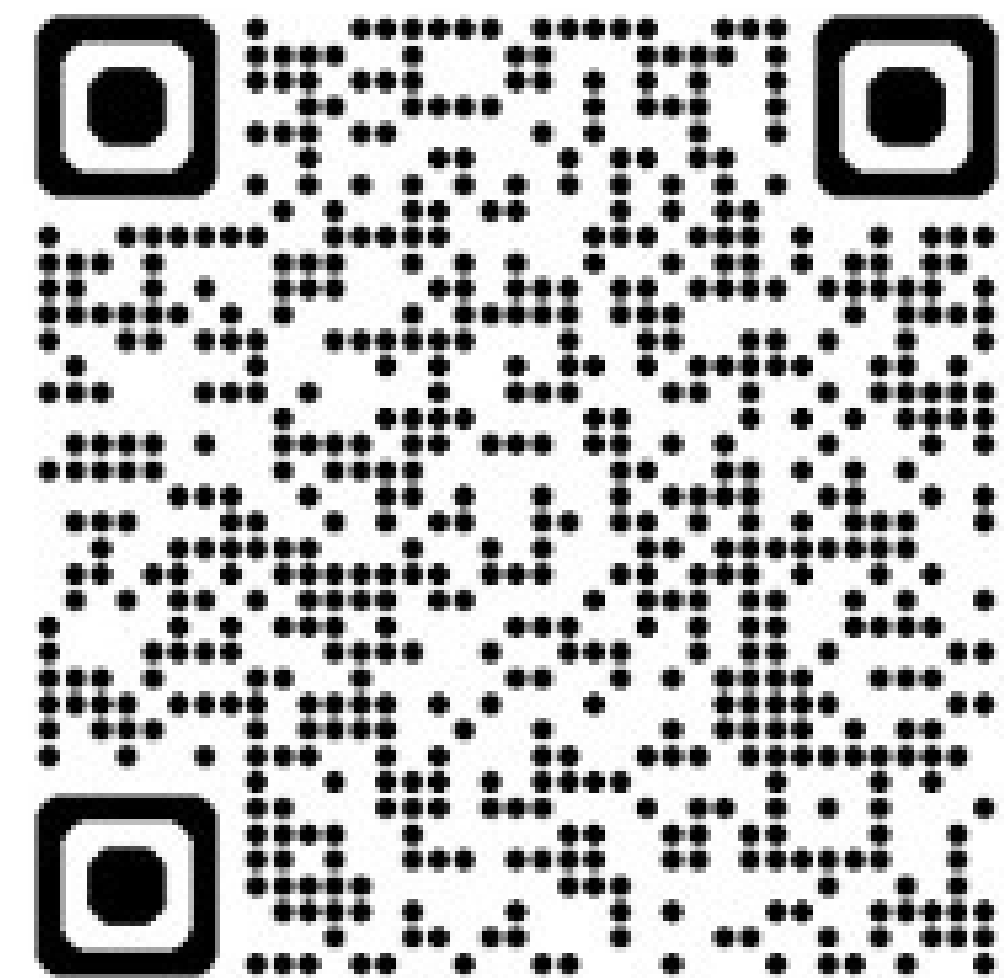
To repent is not to only look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God's love; it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness; it is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become.



Henri Nouwen

“Our society seems to be increasingly full of fearful, defensive, aggressive people anxiously clinging to their property and inclined to look at their surrounding world with suspicion, always expecting an enemy to suddenly appear, intrude and do harm. But still—that is our vocation: to convert ... the enemy into a guest and to create the free and fearless space where brotherhood and sisterhood can be formed and fully experienced.”

Sermon Resources



Practicing Gospel Hospitality:

Invite someone out for coffee who you know disagree with them on significant issues and learn who they are as a person. It's not about debating them but about getting to know them and letting them get to know you. Jesus certainly did not agree with everyone he spent time with, but he extended and responded to invitations regularly.

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Thanksgiving Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 3PM

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