



5/31/2026 | Hospitality

Reflect + Discuss

- Can you think of a time someone has shown you hospitality? What happened and what was that like for you?
- Dallas Willard said, *“Spiritual disciplines are activities in our power, things we can do, to meet God in such a way that we become able to do what we cannot do by direct effort.”*

Read Romans 12:13. Read 1 Peter 4:9. Read Hebrews 13:2. How is this biblical form of hospitality different from how we often think of hospitality in our culture? In what ways does showing hospitality demonstrate the kingdom of God to the world? Why do you think the New Testament writers treat hospitality as a core, non-negotiable command rather than an optional spiritual gift?

- Read Luke 14:15-24. What can we learn about God (or the host) in this story? What does the host’s reaction to the empty seats tell us about the heart of God? How can we grow in understanding God as “hospitable” through this story?
- What are the biggest barriers for you in practicing hospitality with others? How might you address these barriers? Are there ways we can support one another in breaking through these barriers without feeling guilty?
- If biblical hospitality is “love of the stranger,” who counts as a stranger? Is there a specific person God is putting on your mind to invite into your space or your life this week? What is one small, practical next step you can take?

Pray

Pray that we may grow in understanding how deeply loved we are by an all-powerful God. Pray that we may grow in the spiritual practice of ‘loving the stranger’ and showing hospitality to others. As we continue to reflect on this message, pray that we would be transformed more into the image of Jesus.

Next Steps

Check out the [resources page](#) for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out [courses](#).