

## **Introduction**

*Luke 10:34-35*

*How does the way we welcome others reflect the way God has welcomed us?*

*Romans 12:13*

*Hebrews 13:2*

*Matthew 25:42-43*

## **Hospitality in the Old Testament**

*Customs:*

*1 Timothy 3:2 ; Titus 1:8*

*Genesis 18:1-8*

*When is hospitality discouraged?*

*Exodus 23:9; Leviticus 19:33-34*

*Joshua 2*

## **Hospitality Today**

*Isaiah 58:7*

⇒ Invitation

⇒ Connection

## **Hospitality in the New Testament**

*Luke 19:1-10*

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⇒ Serve

⇒ Presence

## Diving Deeper into Hospitality (for personal or group use)

### Old Testament:

*Genesis 18:1-8:* How does Abraham's response to the visitors reflect the cultural and spiritual importance of hospitality?

What different aspects of hospitality do we see here?

*Leviticus 19:33-34:* Why does God tie hospitality toward strangers to Israel's experience in Egypt?

*Isaiah 58:1-7:* Why does God reject the fasting of His people? Why do you think God places such high value on hospitality? How does this challenge our understanding of worship?

### New Testament:

*Luke 19:1-10:* How does Jesus model hospitality in this passage?

What barriers are present in the story? How does Jesus overcome these?

*Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:9*

What do these verses teach us about the attitude we should have toward hospitality?

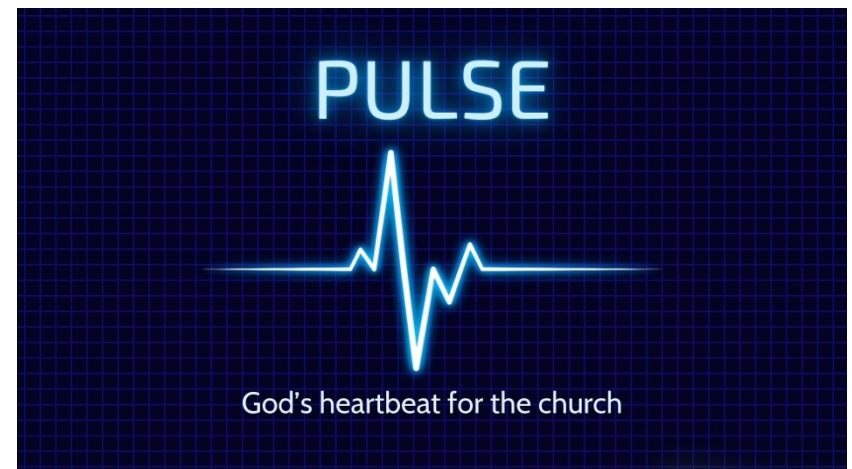
### Discussion Questions:

1. How is biblical hospitality different from simply entertaining guests?
2. What attitudes or actions distinguish Christian hospitality?
3. Have you ever been deeply impacted by someone else's hospitality?
4. What are some of the biggest barriers that prevent us from showing hospitality today?
5. How can we overcome these barriers, individually or as a church?
6. Do you think that hospitality is essential to the witness of the gospel or not? Discuss.

### Application:

*Personal Reflection:* Who in your life or community might feel like a "stranger". What steps could you take this week to make someone feel welcomed and valued?

*Group Reflection:* Read Romans 12:13. How can your small group or church prioritize hospitality as part of its mission?



## CHRISTLIKE HOSPITALITY

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Sermon Notes & Discussion Guide