



Week 1 | Open Door | May 7

Key Focus: Biblical Hospitality.

Opening Up:

- Do you have a funny “disaster story” of hosting or attending a party?
- Do you have any fears associated with going to or hosting a party? Explain.
- When meeting somebody for the first time, do you feel comfortable being the first to speak? Do you have trouble knowing what to say?
- Do you have a story of meeting someone for the first time and saying something dumb because you were nervous?
- Does holding a drink at a party make you feel more secure? Why do you think that is?

Reference: Hebrews 13:1-6, 16

Discuss:

1. William Temple said, “The Church is the only institution that exists primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members.” How is this true? How does not “neglecting hospitality” (13:2) illustrate that point?
2. Jay-z and Kanye said, “there is no church in the wild.” Have you ever felt like church was not for you or that church was not relevant to you?
3. Hospitality is going out to the city gates and inviting a stranger in. How has another Christian invited you in when you were a stranger?
4. In Deuteronomy 10:19 we are called to love the sojourners because we were sojourners. How does God’s love for you compel you to love the stranger?
5. In Matthew 25:40 we are told that welcoming the strangers is welcoming Jesus. How does this affect the way you love the stranger?
6. In Hebrews 13:2 we read some have entertained angels unawares? Do you think you have ever entertained an angel?
7. In Matthew 13:31-32 and many other places we see that the Kingdom of God uses small things to accomplish big things. What big things might be accomplished in the world through the small act of hospitality?
8. Hospitality must be practical and scheduled.
 1. What night this summer is our community group going to use the New City Movie night kit for our friends and neighbors?
 2. Who are you going to invite to the New City Fest?
9. Who in your life is in need of hospitality? How is God calling you to meet that need?
10. Pray.