5 Day Devotional
October 25, 2026 AM Sermon
Hungry for More: Hospitality, Mission, and the Bread That Never Fails

Day 1: The Call to Love Strangers

Reading: Romans 12:9-13

Devotional: The New Testament word for hospitality literally means "love of strangers." It is not a suggestion tucked quietly at the end of a list -- it is a mark of genuine Christian character, placed alongside fervent prayer, patient endurance, and sincere love. Paul makes clear that the believer's life is one of outward movement toward others, not comfortable retreat from them. Ask yourself honestly: who are the strangers in your daily path? The foreigner at the job site, the unfamiliar face at the grocery store, the newcomer sitting alone -- these are your neighbors. Christ loved you when you were a stranger to His grace. Go and do likewise.

Application: Who in your life right now qualifies as a "stranger" whom you have been slow to love? What one practical step could you take this week to extend genuine hospitality to that person?

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Day 2: Who Is My Neighbor?

Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Devotional: A lawyer asked Jesus a question meant to shrink his obligations -- to draw a tight circle around who deserved his love and care. Jesus answered with a story that exploded every such boundary. The Samaritan did not ask whether the wounded man shared his background, his language, or his religion. He saw need, and he acted. The migrant worker far from home, the refugee navigating an unfamiliar city, the laborer sleeping in a bunkhouse -- these are the wounded men on the road. The question Jesus leaves us with is not "Who is my neighbor?" but rather "To whom will I be a neighbor today?"

Application: In what ways have you, like the lawyer, tried to justify limiting your love to those who are most like you? How does the parable challenge that tendency in a specific area of your life?

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Day 3: Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Reading: Matthew 5:1-6; Isaiah 55:1-2

Devotional: Jesus declares that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled. Isaiah echoes this with an urgent invitation -- come to the waters, come and eat, come without money and without price. The tragedy Isaiah names is not starvation but misdirected appetite. People labor and spend themselves on things that do not satisfy. Busyness, distraction, and the endless scroll of a phone screen can fill our hours while leaving our souls hollow. The migrant ministry men who heard the gospel came hungry in ways that many comfortable believers have forgotten. Their hunger is a mirror. What are you truly hungry for today?

Application: What has been filling your time and attention lately? Has that thing been feeding your soul or simply numbing your hunger for God? What would it look like to deliberately create space for spiritual hunger this week?

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Day 4: Be Still and Know -- The God Who Satisfies

Reading: Psalm 46:1-10; Psalm 107:1-9

Devotional: Psalm 107 declares that God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. But Psalm 46 reminds us that receiving that satisfaction requires stillness -- "Be still, and know that I am God." The noise of daily life, the pressure of bills, the ringing phone, the relentless demands of work -- these are not small enemies of the spiritual life. They are constant competitors for the attention that belongs to God. Be still today. Let God be God.

Application: When was the last time you were genuinely still before God, without an agenda or a timer? What would you need to remove from your schedule this week to make that possible, even for fifteen minutes?

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Day 5: Words That Feed -- Sharing the Bread That Never Fails

Reading: Jeremiah 15:16; John 6:35

Devotional: Jeremiah described the Word of God as something he ate -- something that became his joy and the delight of his heart. The men who came for food at those ministry nights received something far greater than a meal. Some heard the gospel for the first time. Some found the courage to be baptized. Some returned home and found a church. Some are still being prayed for from a different country. The Word of God, when received with genuine hunger, does not return empty. It feeds, it transforms, and it sends people home changed. You carry that Word. Someone in your life is hungrier than you know. Feed them.

Application: Think of one person in your life who has expressed spiritual hunger, even if they did not use those words. How might you share the truth of Christ with that person this week in a natural, genuine, and hospitable way?