



Life Group Questions

Sins of Suburbia | Week 3: Privacy (Hospitality)

1 Thess. 2:1-8, Lev. 19:34, Mt. 25:35, Romans 15:7 || October 23, 2022

Ice-Breaker: When you hear the word “hospitality,” what images or experiences come to mind? How do those compare or contrast with your current understanding of biblical hospitality?

1. What stood out from Steven’s sermon that challenged you, intrigued you, or that you’d like to discuss?
2. In what areas of your life are you tempted to turn away from people instead of toward community?
3. In the 1 Thess. 2:1-8 passage, spend a few moments recapping the three points we made on biblical hospitality.
 - a. **Biblical hospitality (BH) can happen in seasons of suffering (v.2).**
 - b. **BH is not about the approval of others (v.6).**
 - c. **BH is about sharing real life, not just food (v.8).**
 - d. Which of these 3 do you most need to be reminded of this week?
 - e. What does this passage and these truths teach us about how God expects us to live?
 - f. How are these truths both encouraging and challenging?
4. What are some common reasons/excuses people give for not attempting biblical hospitality? For each one, consider how you might respond to a friend with that concern.
5. Biblical hospitality has two groups of recipients:
 - a. “one another” – fellow Jesus followers
 - b. The “foreigner/stranger/alien” (Leviticus 19:34) – non-Jesus follower or at least someone very different than you
 - c. Which of these two groups is most challenging to consider hosting for a meal in your home? Why?
6. In what ways does biblical hospitality fulfill each of our church’s 3 core values?
7. What’s *one* practical step you can take this week to begin/deepen your practice of biblical hospitality?