

**THE SIMPLEST WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD
PART 4: HOSPITAL FOR SINNERS**

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SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Quote from *The Simplest Way to Change the World*

“Understanding the ‘why’ of hospitality is essential for that not to happen. One of the most helpful ideas that will support you in that moment of uncertainty when your doorbell rings is to have a solid grasp on the end goal of hospitality. By the simple act of opening your door you are joining in on what God is doing to heal the planet and welcome the prodigal sons and daughters back into His family. You are turning your home into a wartime hospital where the spiritually hurting can get the hope and care they need.” (Willis, 67)

Matthew 9:9–13 (NIV)

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Christian community is lived out with followers of Jesus that are open to the Spirit’s work, an open Bible, and an open life.

Acts 2:47 (NIV)

47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Two timely opportunities:

- 1. Meeting the desire for relational depth.**
- 2. Pave the way forward in a changing culture.**

GROUP DISCUSSION

What evidence do you see that your friends are longing for relationships with others? How does this longing present an incredible opportunity for you to practice biblical hospitality?

Why is it easier to disagree with others from a distance or behind a keyboard than it is to love our actual neighbors? How might genuine, Christlike love provide a context in which you might have more meaningful conversations?

In what ways is God calling you to as, “What if?” How is God drawing your heart to invest in particular people or places?

What descriptions of hospitality do you observe in the life of the first church?

How do you observe these same marks in the life of the church to which you belong?

How are you personally working to foster these marks in the church?

What is one step towards fostering hospitality that you have taken since we began this series?