

## THE SIMPLEST WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD PART 2: YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?

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## SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

### **Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)**

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### **Quote from *The Simplest Way to Change the World***

"When it comes to pursuing biblical hospitality as a way of life, we immediately happen upon a major obstacle: almost everything in our culture is set up to hinder us from pursuing it." (Willis, pg. 29)

### **Four cultural currents:**

#### **1. Isolation**

#### **2. Relaxation**

#### **3. Entertainment**

#### **4. Busyness**

### **1 Peter 4:7-9 (NIV)**

7 The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

### **1. Upward worship is shown through outward living.**

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## **1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)**

10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## **2. Generous lives are never empty lives.**

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# **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**How do you view your home? Are you more prone to view it as a place of retreat or as a weapon for the gospel? Why?**

**Why do most of us assume the ordinary steps of obedience are insignificant? What biblical evidence do we have that this is not true?**

**What assumptions about hospitality did you bring with you as we begin this study?**

**Read Romans 12:1-2. How does Paul say a Christian should relate to the pattern of this world?**

**Why does the mission of a Christian's life necessitate counter-cultural living? What happens if you consistently follow the world's values rather than God's values?**

**How is hospitality a counter-cultural practice?**

**Which verse did God want you to see/hear/apply?**

**Which of the four cultural currents (isolation, retreat, entertainment, busyness) that work against hospitality hinder you from using your home as a weapon for the gospel?**

**What changes would you need to make for hospitality to become a way of life for you?**