

**THE SIMPLEST WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD  
PART 1: START SMALL**

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## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

**Biblical hospitality chooses to engage rather than unplug, open rather than close, initiate rather than sit idly.**

### **Romans 15:1–7 (NIV)**

1 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

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

“It’s receiving others into our lives – into relationship and, yes, even into our homes. It welcomes Christians as a way to walk in the truth that we’ve been made family through the gospel, and it welcomes non-Christians in an attempt to model and extend the gracious invitation we’ve received from God in Christ.” (Willis, pgs. 26–27)

### **Romans 15:8–13 (NIV)**

8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing the praises of your name.”

10 Again, it says,

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

11 And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;  
let all the peoples extol him.”

12 And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Matthew 13:31–33 (NIV)**

31 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” –

33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” –  
Matthew 13:33

**1. Be purposefully loving in gospel-living.**

**2. We cannot give what we haven't received.**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**How would you define hospitality?**

**Can you share about someone in your life who has the gift of hospitality?  
What did it look like?**

**Pastor Luke shared that sometimes we need to start small with hospitality and trust the process. Look at Matthew 13:31–33 and see how something small made such a large impact. Where can you start small this week in regards to Biblical hospitality?**

**Are there any assumptions about hospitality that the Lord wants to change in you?**

**What are some ways you have seen the Lord's hospitality in your life?**

**How can our group pray for you this week?**