

A group of people are seated at a table in a restaurant, engaged in conversation and eating. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The word "Welcome" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font across the center of the image.

*Welcome*

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



**New Members**

**Fish Tacos**  
Tonight 4-5pm,  
Gym Double Doors



# *Church of the Week*





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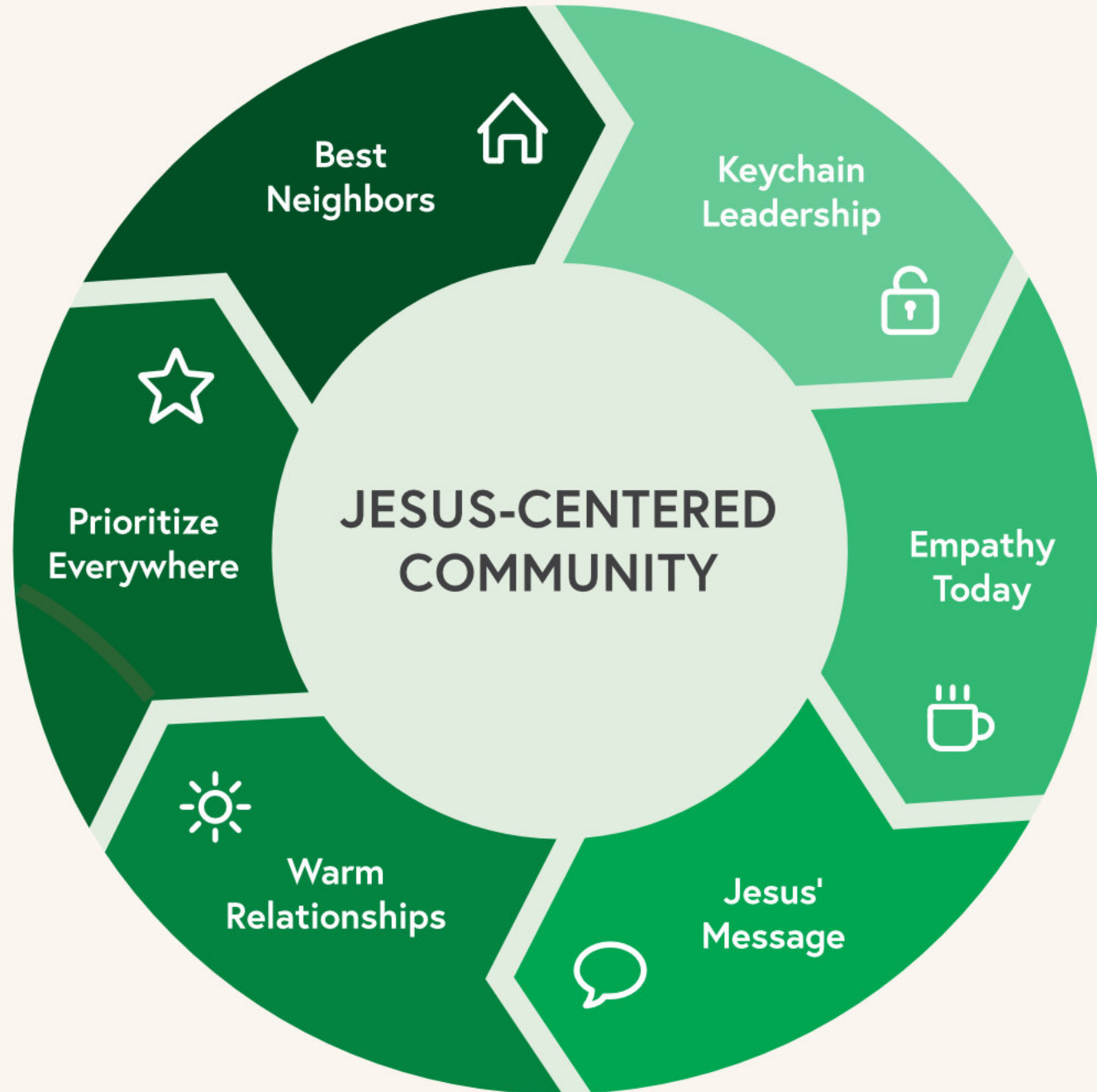
A SERIES ON HOSPITALITY

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# *Growing Young* **Six Core Commitments**

*Early 2019  
Message Series*





# Hospitality in the Bible

1. Be the Best Dirt
2. Be a Friend of Strangers
3. Pay the Blessings Forward

“In our world full of strangers, estranged from their own past, culture and country, from their neighbors, friends, and family, from their deepest self and their God, we witness a painful search for **a hospitable place** where life can be lived without fear and where community can be found.”

*-Henri Nouwen*





# *"The Least of These"*

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**Matthew 25:31-40**

*Why Hospitality?*

What we do for others,  
we do for Jesus himself.



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## **Matthew 25:31-33**

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

A silhouette of a person with arms outstretched, standing atop a large, colorful, and starry Christmas tree against a light sky. The tree is decorated with vibrant colors like red, blue, and yellow, and is filled with numerous small white stars. The person at the top is a dark silhouette with arms spread wide, set against the pale, overcast sky.

**Context:**  
Christ Returns for  
the Final Judgment



## Matthew 25:34-36

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right,  
‘Come, you who are **blessed by my Father; take  
your inheritance**, the kingdom prepared for you  
since the creation of the world.

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**Why Were These  
People So Blessed?**

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## Matthew 25:34-36

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was **hungry** and you gave me something to eat, I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to drink, I was a **stranger (xenos)** and you invited me in, 36 I needed **clothes** and you clothed me, I was **sick** and you looked after me, I was in **prison** and you came to visit me.’



## **The Beginning:**

The poor

The prisoners

The blind

The oppressed

*To proclaim the year  
of the Lord's favor."*

**Luke 4:18-19**



## **The End (x2):**

The hungry

The thirsty

The stranger

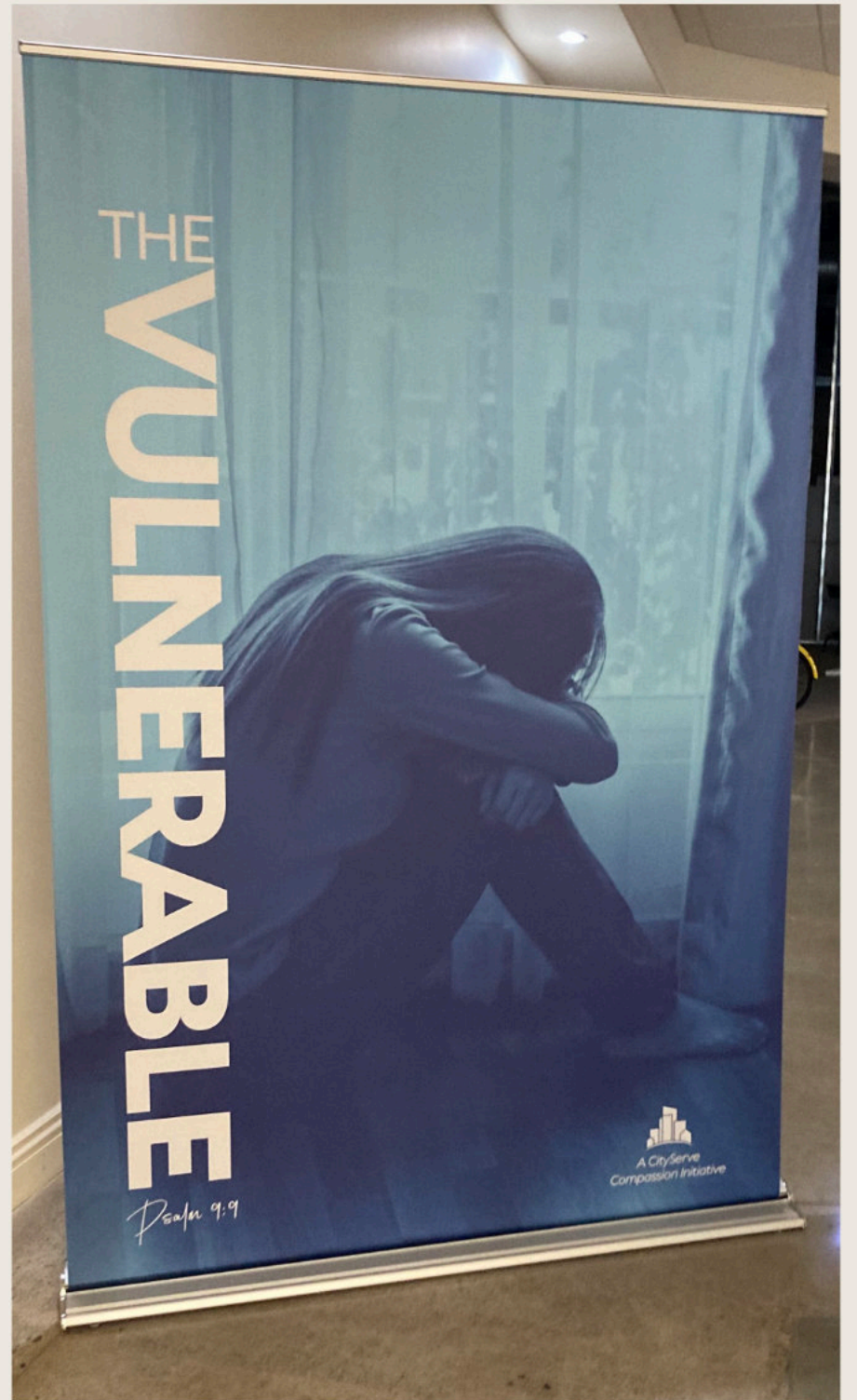
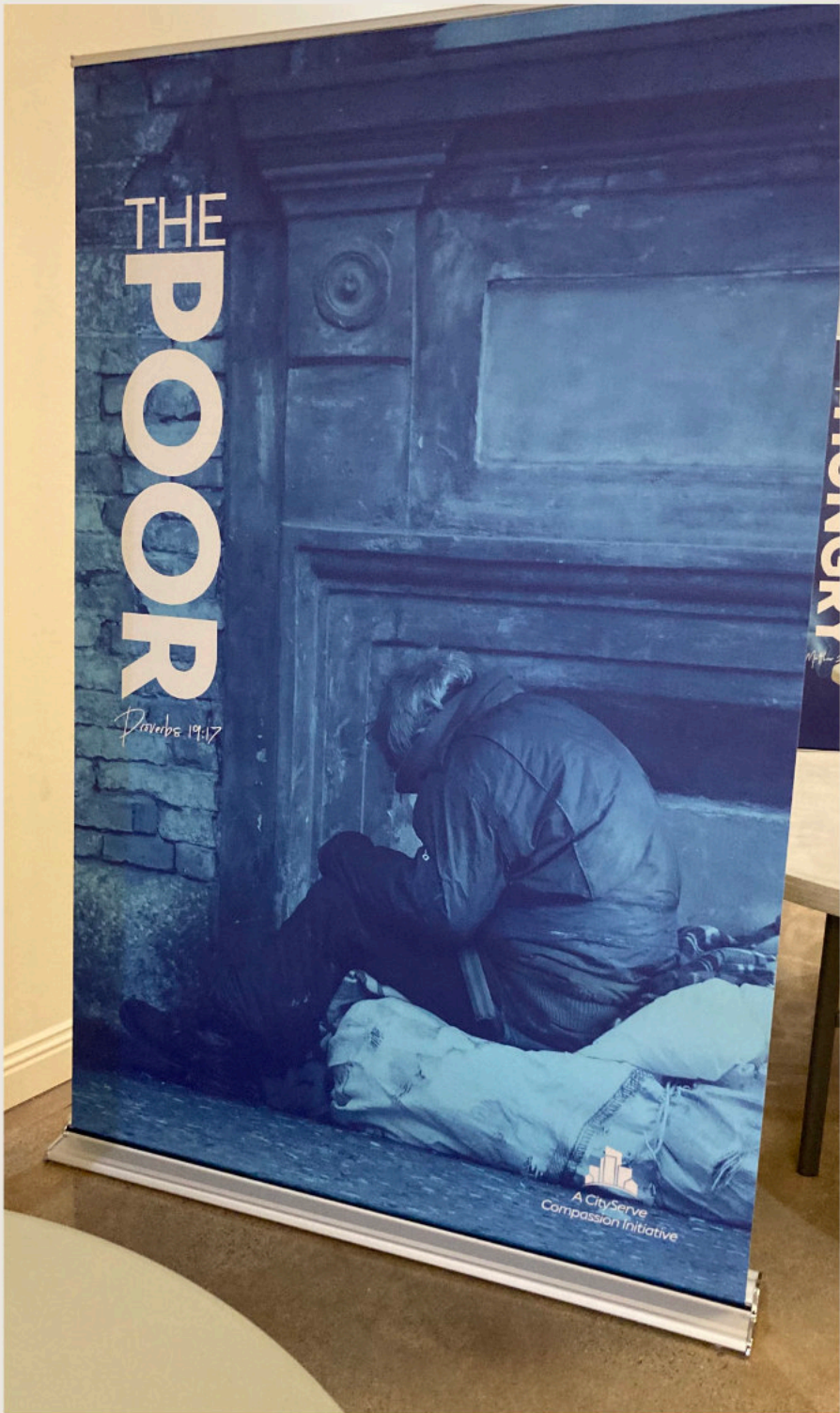
The naked

The sick

**The Prisoners**

**Matthew 25:34-36**







## Matthew 25:37-39

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see **you** hungry and feed **you**, or thirsty and give **you** something to drink?

38 When did we see **you** a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe **you**?

39 When did we see **you** sick or in prison and go to visit **you**?’





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## Matthew 25:40

“The King will reply,  
“Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for  
one of the least of these  
brothers and sisters of  
mine, you did for me.””



What we do for others (*good or bad*)  
**We do for Jesus himself.**



## Hebrews 13:1-3

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

**2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.** 3 Continue to

remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.



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**Invitation Song**  
Pray with a Minister  
or Elder About Your  
Walk with Christ





**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SERVICE**

HAPPY VETERANS DAY

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