

ROMANS 12:13

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HOMES

Big Idea: Because God has generously welcomed us into His family, believers must live with open hands toward needs and open homes toward people.

CHRISTIANS SHOULD HAVE OPEN HANDS AND MEET NEEDS ACTIVELY *(Romans 12:13a)*

Key Idea: Gospel generosity compels Christians to move beyond observing needs and become participants in meeting them.

- Why do you think God calls believers to actively share their resources rather than simply feel compassion for those in need? (e.g. James 2:15-17; 1 John 3:17-18)
- How can meeting practical needs become a powerful testimony of the Gospel both inside and outside the church? (e.g. Acts 4:32-37; Galatians 6:10)
- What is one specific way you can use your time, talents, or finances this week to help another believer? (e.g. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Philippians 2:3-4)
- Discuss this statement: New Testament believers give regularly, joyfully, and sacrificially. Why is generous giving such an important part of discipleship, and how does the local church become a primary avenue for meeting needs? (e.g. 2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

CHRISTIANS SHOULD HAVE OPEN HOMES AND PURSUE HOSPITALITY INTENTIONALLY *(Romans 12:13b)*

Key Idea: Gospel hospitality compels Christians to move beyond entertaining friends and intentionally makes room for ministry to care for others.

- Why do you think Paul describes hospitality as something believers should actively pursue? (e.g. Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:9)
- What are some barriers that keep Christians from opening their homes, schedules, or lives to others? How can the Gospel help overcome those barriers? (e.g. Luke 14:12-14)
- Who might God be calling you to intentionally welcome, encourage, or include in your life right now? (e.g. Romans 15:7; Matthew 25:35)