



Hospitality

Recovering the Lost Christian Practice - Part 1

Why Study Hospitality?

- ▶ **By and large, Americans do not understand hospitality**
- ▶ **As a church, we have lost the practice of hospitality**
- ▶ **We have substituted programs and institutions for true hospitality**
- ▶ **Hospitality is central to the Christian life**
- ▶ **Hospitality was the manner in which the gospel was originally communicated**



Should Exodus *Why Study Hospitality?*

- ▶ Modeling hospitality has not been enough
- ▶ We have been building “community” without practicing hospitality
- ▶ The condition of our heart is laid bare when we wrestle with hospitality



Introducing Hospitality

Romans 12:13

*“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.”*

Hebrews 13:2

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

1 Peter 4:9

*“Offer hospitality to one another without
grumbling.”*



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Luke 14:12-14

“Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid.

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



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Reciprocity vs. Gratitude



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Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 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. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“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. 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 and you invited me in, 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.’



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“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’”

“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.’”





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