



Hospitality

Recovering the Lost Christian Practice - Part 6

Where We've Been

Week 1: Intro / Why Study Hospitality

Week 2: Hospitality in the Scriptures

Week 3: Christ as the Stranger

**Week 4: Easter / Communion
Receiving Hospitality**

Week 5/6: Practical Issues in Hospitality



Practical Issues

- ▶ *I do not have the “gift of hospitality.” Hospitality does not come naturally to me.*
- ▶ *I am frugal, and it is hard for me to be generous.*
- ▶ *I don’t feel that my hospitality is reciprocated. I genuinely worry that others are taking advantage of me.*
- ▶ *Why is there so much of an emphasis on food whenever we discuss hospitality?
Can we be hospitable without offering food?*



Practical Issues

- ▶ *I am introvert. Hospitality seems easy for people who are extroverts, but it is hard for me to invite people into my space.*
- ▶ *I don't understand the point of hospitality. How are we going to develop a deep, intimate relationship with a complete stranger simply by inviting them to stay with us or to share a meal?*
- ▶ *Where are the boundaries? Am I supposed to invite every single person who needs a meal or a place to stay?*



Practical Issues

- ▶ *What if I am uncomfortable with a guest's behavior or habits, and they seriously pose a problem in my home?*
- ▶ *I don't have a home to invite anyone to. How can I practice hospitality?*
- ▶ *I am barely getting by. I don't have any resources with which to be hospitable.*
- ▶ *Isn't it a bit overwhelming for the stranger, the newcomer or the recent acquaintance to suddenly be invited into the midst of our life?*



Practical Issues

- ▶ *What if someone that is invited into the home steals from me?*
- ▶ *I worry that inviting a stranger into my home is not safe. How can I show hospitality in a world where so many people are out to harm others?*
- ▶ *What happens if someone overstays their welcome, and doesn't take the hint that its time to move on? There are limits and I worry I won't be able to enforce them.*



Practical Issues

- ▶ *What if my hospitality is just going to enable someone and prevent them from working to provide for themselves?*



Practicing Hospitality



The Forty-Day Experiment





WELCOME TO EXODUS INTERACTIVE FORUM

INTERACTIVE



Participate, ask questions, talk back...

What if we listened to what everyone had to say — and discovered that God can speak through us all? After all, we all learn better when we talk things out, hear different points of view, and give room for the Spirit to speak through our deliberation.

[Read more](#)

THOUGHTFUL



Test everything, hold on to what is good...

Many hours of research are dedicated to prepare each one of our series. We explore the scriptures, the breadth of Christian scholarship, contemporary authors, and consider a wide range of sources outside of our faith.

[Read more](#)

FAITHFUL



Set apart Christ as Lord...

We all have questions. But we learn together in a way that tackles the deepest part of our doubts while making sure that our purpose is clear: to always know the reason for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ, and to be prepared to share that answer with everyone who asks us about that hope.

[Read more](#)

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF
EXODUS INTERACTIVE FORUM.

WE WELCOME YOU TO SEND
FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS, AND WE WOULD
LOVE TO HEAR HOW EXODUS HAS
IMPACTED YOU. EMAIL US AT:

INFO@EXODUSPODCASTS.COM

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

WWW.EXODUSPODCASTS.COM

- ALL OF OUR PODCASTS
- POWERPOINT SLIDES
- PODCAST TRANSCRIPTS
- BLOG UPDATES
- REFERENCE MATERIALS

© 2013 EXODUS INTERACTIVE FORUM.
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

YOU MAY FREELY DISTRIBUTE WITHOUT ALTERATION.