

Creating Space: God in Our Midst

Week 4: Family Hospitality

Welcome/Prayer

Reflection Question Did you do something this week that showed hospitality? If so, what was it? (We want people to “toot their own horns” this time.) Was it hard? Did your family take time to talk about how as a family you would create space for others? What ideas did you come up with to help connect yourself with Christian hospitality?

Discussion

“We are not big enough, not to know one another.”

In Romans 12, Paul declares that because of the wonder of God addressed in 11:33-36, we are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices and no longer be conformed to this world. We should be transformed in our thinking and be able to discern God’s perfect will. The proof that these actions are present and a reality in our lives, is in the motive and nature of our relationship and service to others.”

Scripture: Galatians 5: 10; Romans 12: 9-13

- What does it mean to “love one another”?
 - What does it look like?
 - How good are we as a church community in following out this command? Why?
- Why can offering hospitality to one another be so difficult?
 - Are we guilty of offering hospitality to just those we “know” within the community? Why?
- How can offering hospitality to someone within the “family” strengthen the community as a whole?
 - What does offering hospitality say to the person receiving the hospitality? How does the practice “speak” to the host?
- How good are we at receiving hospitality from someone?
 - Why is it or can it be a struggle sometimes for us to receive hospitality?
- What does it mean when Paul says “honor one another above yourselves?” (v.10)
 - What would this look like in our church?
- How can we become more engaged with the needs of those within Grapevine Church?

Take it With You Question

This week is time for the community at Grapevine to “honor one another above ourselves”. Take time this week to offer family hospitality to a family or individual at Grapevine who you do not know well. Step out of your comfort zone and take time.
LEADER SUGGESTION: *This is a great opportunity for your Group to go out and share a meal together after the G@G meeting tonight.*

Closing:

Final Prayer