

Creating Space: God in Our Midst

Week 6: Rhythm

Welcome/Prayer

Reflection Question Did you open yourself and extend hospitality to a neighbor this week? How did you reach out of your comfort zone? How hard was it for you to do? What did you learn about yourself this week when it comes to extending hospitality neighbors around you? What did you learn about a neighbor as well?

Discussion

The life of Hospitality is a practice that must become a rhythm in our everyday living as well as the everyday living of the church community. Jesus says it is our responsibility (Matthew 22:8-9) as his children to live out a life of hospitality to those we encounter. Hospitality is also a practice that we continue (Matthew 25:35-38) never stopping at any point but always allowing ourselves to create space for the other person. So what does hospitality look like? As His children we practice hospitality freely, without grumbling and done in communal love. Hospitality is a motivation to treat others how we would also want to be treated. Jesus calls on us to allow the practice of hospitality to become a rhythm and a part of who we are as a community.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Matthew 22:8-9; Matthew 25:35-38

- What does “rhythm” mean to you?
 - Why is it important?
 - What rhythms do you have? In your family?
- As we have been talking about hospitality. Do you see an importance in finding a rhythm of hospitality in your life?
- In Deuteronomy what did God tell the Israelites to do with their harvests?
 - Why did He want the Israelites to do this practice? What was the importance of this practice by the Israelites?
 - What rhythm would this produce in the life of the Israelites?
 - Do you see implications in your own life and the church community?
- How would your life be different if hospitality were a rhythm in your lifestyle?
 - How would your family be different?
 - The Grapevine Church community?
 - How can our community and your family become more intentional about creating space for each other and the stranger?
- What settings or events at church encourage hospitality and conversation with others?
 - Besides welcoming people into our homes and churches, in what other settings might we act hospitably?

Take it With You Question

Take time this week to invite someone to church and join you for lunch after AM services.