

Creating Space: God in Our Midst

Week 3: Reviving Hospitality

Welcome/Prayer

Reflection Question How many took the time this week to begin the process of bringing Shalom back into your life? What did it look like? Was it easy or did you find this difficult to do? What did being a peacemaker look like within your life?

Discussion “If there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential, it is the concept of hospitality.” - Henri Nouwen

Hospitality has become a word that can have all kinds of different meanings. We can envision having friends and family over for a nice meal in our house once in a while. There may be hospitality committees, or groups that are put together at work or even at Church to plan events. Hospitality can come together if we have the time and the resources to do it but as followers of Jesus of Nazareth, we are called to more. It is time for us to reclaim our spiritual obligation of hospitality to those around us.

Scripture: Luke 10: 1-12

- Think of a recent experience when you received hospitality? How did you pay for it? Or did you?
- When we think of hospitality, what comes to our mind? Why?
 - What does hospitality look like?
 - What settings of hospitality are important today? What makes a good place for offering hospitality?
- Have you ever thought about hospitality being a spiritual obligation as a follower of Jesus? Why/why not?
 - How can hospitality be a way for us to show Jesus to those around us and each other?
- What keeps us from offering hospitality?
 - What things do we worry about when we offer hospitality to someone?
- Can you think of a time when you did not extend hospitality to someone?
 - What made offering this personal response difficult?
 - Why might it have been important?
- What could you do to better connect yourself and the community? How can we create space to offer hospitality to those around us?

Take it With You Question

This week take time to do something hospitable to someone else. Allow this to be a time when you as an individual and family create space for someone else. Take time as a family to talk about how you can become a family that will revive the hospitality that God calls us to offer.

Closing:

Final Prayer