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# NEIGHBORS

Radically Ordinary Hospitality

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## Overview

Most often, the things that make the biggest impact in our lives aren't the result of multi-million dollar campaigns or products designed for convenience. They are, however, simple, human acts of welcoming kindness. These small and large gestures communicate to others their god-given value. The best part about this? You don't need a degree or significant capital to change someone's life. In this series, we will be making a plan together for how to help those in our community one hospitable interaction at a time.

## Week Two

Having established the necessity of welcoming others as followers of Jesus, we now move into the expectations of what this really means. This week we discuss what to do when we are faced with the needs of others, from small to overwhelming. Where does our responsibility to others begin and to what lengths should it take us? As an inclusive community, we will answer these big questions together because we are committed to meeting the needs of others through the daily grind of radical hospitality.

**Big Idea:** How to build a workable template for radical hospitality.

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6(NIV) , James 1:27(NIV) , Mark 5:1-13(NIV), Luke 14:26-27(NIV)

### Key Takeaways & Action Items:

- **Radical hospitality works from strengths & interests.**
- **Radical hospitality looks out for people in need.**
- **Radical hospitality relocates to the need.**
- **Radical hospitality includes children and values their concerns.**
- **Action without intent is unproductive.**
- **Inclusive** - We look out for each other's strengths, the redeeming qualities in each of us, and **despite our differences we work together** to bring about wholeness in our community.
- **Generous** - We look for those in genuine need and we assemble our finances, our giftings, and our time to aid them. Again, this is a defining characteristic of the church. **If we lose this we lose ourselves.**
- **Unpredictable** - **We pay more money to go to places and serve people that others wouldn't go to or even know about.** We sit in driveways and at kitchen tables with those who society has given up on. We build relationships and disciple even when people think those folks are long gone.
- **Real** - **We value authenticity just as Jesus did in the children.** Children call right and wrong black and white and in a similar spirit we try to uncomplicate the jargon of most churches so those who are seeking Jesus can find him easily.

## Group Discussion Questions:

1. Where does loneliness exist close to us and in what ways have we been the ones to build the barriers that keep it present?
2. Radical hospitality works from strengths & interests.
3. How can we incorporate radical ordinary hospitality into our “daily grind”.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6  
Radial Hospitality works from strengths and interest we already have. What are some strengths and interest that you poses that you can build on?
5. Name some strengths you see in the people around you that you believe will help increase our communities radical hospitality
6. Read James 1:27  
Radical Hospitality looks out for people in need. Let’s discuss a list of people who are in need, and how we can help them as group
7. Read Mark 5:1-20  
Radial Hospitality relocates to the need. Like Jesus, we must go to the need, not wait for it to come to us. In this story we see there are more problems that come to the surface after 1 issue is “fixed”. In what ways can we show radical hospitality when we are faced with “many” problems with the people in need?
8. Read Matthew 18:1-5  
Radical Hospitality includes children and values their concerns. Jesus was multigenerational, he focused on the next generation, and showed us to teach them by showing them. In what ways can we be better at showing this to the younger generations?

## Resources:

- There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.  
1 Corinthians 12: 4-6(NIV)
- Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.  
James 1:27(NIV)
- And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.  
Mark 5:1-13(NIV)
- At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.  
Matthew 18:1-5(NIV)
- "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.  
Luke 14:26-27(NIV)

