

Sermon Notes:

“Love Your (Literal) Neighbor Series, Part 1: “The Hospitality of God” – (selected texts)

- 1) Our hospitable God
 - a. Leviticus 19:33-34
 - b. Psalm 23:5
 - c. Isaiah 25:6-8
 - d. John 13:1-17; Luke 12:37
 - e. Ephesians 2:12-19
 - f. Romans 15:7
- 2) The **gospel** comes with an invitation
 - a. Leviticus 19:33-34
 - b. Romans 15:7
 - c. Mark 10:28-30
- 3) Hospitality and **community**
 - a. 1 Peter 4:8-11
 - b. Galatians 6:10
 - c. Romans 12:13
- 4) Hospitality and **mission**
 - a. Romans 12:13
 - b. Hebrews 13:2
- 5) Moving down the line
 - a. Stranger → Acquaintance → Relationship (from *The Art of Neighboring*)
 - b. “Radically ordinary hospitality seeks to make strangers neighbors, and neighbors family of God.” (from *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*)

Questions for reflection and application (several of which are taken from *The Simplest Way to Change the World* by Willis and Clements):

- * What are your main takeaways from filling out the neighbor chart?
- * Are you more prone to view your home as a place of retreat or a tool for the Gospel? Why do you think that is?
- * What are the main obstacles that hinder you from practicing hospitality?
- * Is “hospitable” an adjective that you’ve ever thought of in reference to God? How has it been helpful for you to consider God’s hospitality?
- * How should God’s hospitality toward us factor into our motivation for practicing biblical hospitality?
- * What excuses do you make to avoid practicing biblical hospitality?
- * What biblical truths do you need to remember to counter those objections?
- * What next steps is the Lord prompting you to take to love your literal neighbors? How can you “move down the line” with some of them this week?