

Hospitality Gospel

Main Scripture: Acts 2:46-47, Acts 4:32-34

Additional Scriptures: Acts 5:12-14, Leviticus 19:33-34,
Romans 12:13, 1st Peter 4:9, Hebrews 13:2, Genesis 1:26

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read Genesis 1:26.** “We are people who long to belong.” Biblically, why is this an accurate statement? How has this been true in your own life? In the lives of friends, family, co-workers?
- Mother Theresa said that “loneliness is the leprosy of our day.” Do you agree? Why or why not? As Christians, how do we combat the ever-pervasive loneliness that has gripped our culture? What are some very practical ways to pull people out of isolation?
- It seemed that every time God did big things in Acts, it was usually in the context of people being hospitable. Can you find some examples of this in the book of Acts?
- One of the major apologetics in the early church was hospitality. How can we translate the hospitality we find in Acts into 21st century hospitality?
 - How will it look different? How will it look the same?
- **Read Leviticus 19:33-34.** How do you love a stranger like yourself?
- Why is hospitality difficult to pursue? What are some personal barriers to you being as hospitable as the early church was?
- Pastor Mike said, “Hospitality doesn’t mean strangers come to you. It means you go to them!” What are some ways you can bring hospitality to people?

Doing: Application

- This coming Sunday, commission everyone in your small group to find someone not plugged into another small group and invite them to your small group. Try to set up your next small group meeting in a way that is hospitable to new people. Let’s make sure that loneliness does not have a hold in our congregation!