



Week: Hospitality & Evangelism

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Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Big Idea: God loves the foreigner, the widow, the orphan and the needy, therefore, you must love them too. God feeds the destitute, therefore, you should feed them too. God called you out of bondage, therefore, you should call others out of bondage too. To imitate God begins with hospitality, kindness and an invitation into His love.

Video: https://youtu.be/gwG2VG1_P48

Preparation: Mom and/or dad, take time to prepare well for this spiritual experience with your son or daughter and perhaps their friends. Proper preparation includes reading through this guide, setting up a comfortable environment, preparing the videos, materials (*everyone will need a Bible, pen and notebook/journal*) and snacks, and prayer. It also includes giving your participants time to prepare as well. Let them know in advance what you want to do and then remind them a few minutes before your start time so that they are ready too.

Interactive game / activity

- In-Person, Online & @Home: Reverse Charades
 - Similar to regular charades, but instead of 1 person acting out and the team guessing, the team will act out and 1 person will guess.
 - Designate the person who will guess at the beginning of the round. When the guesser has been decided have them close their eyes / look away from the camera or have them turn around entirely. While this person is looking away, by either sharing your screen or writing it on a piece of paper and holding it to the camera, show everyone else the word or phrase that is to be acted out.
 - Everyone can ONLY ACT OUT the word or phrase, NO sound effects, singing, humming or talking allowed.
 - Here are the phrases to act out:
 - Riding a roller coaster
 - Riding a spaceship and landing on the moon
 - Sailing on a boat that is attacked by pirates
 - Winning a Nascar race
 - Getting attacked by sharks
 - Transforming into a werewolf
 - A caterpillar that turns into a butterfly
 - Having a birthday party
 - Getting hit in the face by a dodgeball
 - Flying on an airplane through bad turbulence

Activity Debrief: (This would be a good time to pass out snacks)

- What phrase (re-read the list of things to act out) was the hardest to act out from the list (or if you didn't act out all of them, which one sounds the hardest to act out)?

Video Teaching: Habitudes – Hospitality and Evangelism

"We are continuing in our series Habitudes today, talking about different spiritual habits or disciplines that shape our attitudes. Today we are going to be talking about a couple of things that we need to really be intentional about acting out and doing for others. We are talking



about Hospitality and Evangelism. God loves the foreigner, the widow, the orphan and the needy, therefore, you must love them too. God feeds the destitute, therefore, you should feed them too. God called you out of bondage, therefore, you should call others out of bondage too. To imitate God begins with hospitality, kindness and an invitation into His love.”

Play the video [HERE](#).

Ice Breakers:

- What are some ways you or your family have shown others hospitality in the past (or present)?

Discussion Starters:

- Do you think our culture has a hard time with showing hospitality to people? Why or why not?
- What are some things you love to talk about with others and when this topic is brought up you can't help but sharing with others what you love about the topic or why it means so much to you? What about the topic makes you so excited to share with others your thoughts and feelings about it?

Scripture: Read Matthew 25:34-46 as a group and consider the questions below.

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them,



saying, *'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'*⁴⁶ *And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

Digging Deeper:

- How did the people in this parable respond to Jesus initially (see verse 37-38, *they say that they never saw Him*)? How does Jesus respond to their question (see verse 40)? Based on this response from Jesus, how should we treat others when we feel like we can't see Jesus working in our lives (*hint: show others hospitality and invite them into loving relationship with Jesus because, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me"*)?
- What do we learn from this passage about important things we should be doing as followers of Christ? How are these things different from what the world would say is important?
- What does verse 40 teach us about serving Jesus? Why is this verse significant or important to us if we want to serve and follow Jesus?

Application:

- Why do we not often think of showing others hospitality or inviting others into a loving relationship with Jesus as not just serving others but actually serving Jesus Himself?
- How would your behavior change if you treated every person you encountered as if they were Jesus? How can thinking like this motivate us more to show more hospitality and to speak more of Jesus to others?
- Who do you know that is in need that you can serve this week? How can you serve them and show them hospitality? How can you invite them into experiencing a loving relationship with God this week?

Closing activity & prayer: choose 1 of the following options for the whole group together.

- SINGING: Sing [All The Poor and Powerless](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84ThJ2qKSps) by Shane and Shane (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84ThJ2qKSps>)



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- JOURNALING: Take some time and be honest with yourself in reflection. Who are some people you can show hospitality to this week? Who are some people you can invite into loving relationship with Jesus this week? How can you specifically show them hospitality? What can you share with them about your relationship with Jesus and how Jesus has changed you?
- SCRIPTURE: Meditate on, memorize, and make this verse your prayer: Hebrews 13:1-2
 - *"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."*
- PRAYING: Close your group time in prayer for one another. Share prayer requests and assign partners to pray for one another throughout the week.