



# WELLSPRING CHURCH

## **EAT – Hospitality**

### **Introduction:**

In our cultural moment, loneliness is on the rise and community is threatened. So, what does it look like to embody the welcome of God in our life together as practitioners of Jesus' way? Paul tells the church in Rome: "practice hospitality." (Romans 12v13) But what does this mean? See, hospitality is not about impressing others with well-decorated homes and gourmet cooking. It's not simply for the gifted or those with clean homes. Hospitality is a way of loving our neighbor in the same way God has loved us.

### **Scriptures:**

Read and discuss Luke 15, Romans 12v13, and 1 Peter 4v8-9

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. When have you been so deeply welcomed that it touched your soul? What was it like? Or conversely, when have you been wounded because you were not welcomed? What was that like?
2. Who in your life has or does model hospitality and the welcome of Jesus for you?
3. How do you feel about having people come to visit? What emotions surface?
4. Who is it that you are least likely (most likely) to welcome in to your home or life? Why?
5. What limits hospitality in your life? Busyness? House-cleaning or maybe other's people's judgement? Something else?
6. What is one super practical step you could take towards being a Jesus-like host in your everyday life?

### **Experiment: (Choose One)**

1. Be spontaneous. Invite one person to lunch this week. Maybe after church? Or during work? Or maybe someone on your block? Journal about your experience. How did you feel? What went well?
2. Have a "left overs" gathering. Invite people to bring what is in their refrigerator. See what kind of meal happens. Tell your guests that the main point is just being together. Afterward, journal about the experience.

### **Pod Discussion:**

1. As you listened to the podcast (watched the video), what struck you or stood out to you?
2. What came to the surface as you reflected on the Scripture or did the experiment?
3. Throughout this week, did you sense God inviting to you respond in any particular way?

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