

Session 5: Opening Your Home

Overview: This Sunday we wrapped up our talk Home Team. Pastor Mark shared on opening our home and hospitality as followers of Jesus. As followers of Jesus we can at times think it's just about sharing the gospel, but it is also about sharing our lives with people. Having relationships with people helps others understand our story and how Jesus changed our life and how He can change theirs as well. Opening our home allows us to form relationships and understand others' lives so that we can share the gospel with them in a way they understand. Mark touched on **Luke 14:14** to call us higher in hospitality as a church to not just invite friends and those close to us, but to invite those Jesus sought out, the lost, the poor, and those that we don't gain anything from inviting. Some people won't always come to a church, but they may come to a dinner or meal, and this can be life changing in planting the seed for God to soften one's heart to a relationship with Jesus.

Key Scripture:

- **1 Thessalonians 2:7-8**
- **Romans 12:13**
- **Hebrews 13:2**
- **1 Peter 4:9**
- **Luke 19:1-10**
- **Romans 5:8**
- **Luke 14:12-14**
- **Mark 10:45**

Discussion Questions:

1. In Luke 14:14, Jesus talks about inviting those who cannot repay us. Do you find that challenging for yourself? In what ways could you begin to live this out practically?
2. Who is someone in your life right now that might be more likely to come to your table than to church?
3. Pastor Mark talked about barriers that keep us from opening our home (home needing to be perfect/spotless, not having a big enough space, I have children, it's my space) What barrier do you find yourself using as an excuse to not host? How can you overcome this?
4. What is one practical step you can take this month to create space in your home or schedule for someone new?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the homes that you have entrusted to us to steward, we pray, our homes would be homes of hospitality and about serving others. We pray you would bring about divine opportunities to show hospitality to those around us, and people we may not know, soften our hearts to what you want to do and highlight those we can invite and minister to for your Glory, in Jesus name, Amen.

