

## Vision & Mission

### Key Scriptures

Heb. 13:1-3 Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

<sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints, pursue hospitality.

Titus 1:8 & 1 Tim. 3:2, <sup>2</sup> The overseer then must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher . . .

1 Peter 4:8-9 Above all keep your love for one another fervent, because love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without complaining.

1 Thess. 2:8 Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Romans 15:7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

### Key Point:

The next needed area of innovation for the church in America is building community through hospitality.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Think of a person or event that happened in your life where you either experienced amazing hospitality, or even inhospitality. What was it that this stand out?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read through the key passages on the left. In each passage the author links hospitality with other concepts. What do each of them say about hospitality? How does this change your understanding of what hospitality should look like?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- What evidence do you see that those around you desire relationships with others?
- Kyle listed several ways we can practice hospitality. Which of the list do you think would be easiest and most difficult for you to do? Why?
  - Invite someone to your home
  - Invite someone to your spiritual home (church)
  - Supper Club
  - Invite someone to outside activities (hike, bike, etc)
  - Hosting/Joining a Small Group Bible Study
  - Help our Deacons/Deaconesses with ministry
  - Volunteer to be on our Guest Services Team
- What excuses do you make in order to avoid practicing biblical hospitality?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

- What does your current lifestyle convey about God's character and His hospitality? Pray that God would cause you to emulate what He has done for you; how He has welcomed you with open arms so that you would welcome others in the same way. Ask Him to show you specific ways to do this.

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Instead of thinking of your home as a refuge for yourself, start thinking of it as way to minister to others. Who will you reach out to?