

ONE YEAR FOCUS

Hospitality

Focus Statement

This year, we will simplify our lives, creating margin to saturate our community with gospel conversations.

Hospitality Audit and Action Plan

Note: Rosaria Butterfield's "[Gospel Comes with a House Key](#)" is a great resource for the hospitality portion of the one-year focus.

Biblical Hospitality

Biblical hospitality is the act of welcoming and serving others, both believers and non-believers, with love and care. It's a way to honor God and obey his command to "contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality" (Romans 12:13)

There is a biblical pattern of intimacy, fellowship, support, and love surrounding the concept of sharing a meal with one another. So, when someone in the first-century church shared a meal or took someone into their home, they weren't just offering a helping hand, but they were sharing life. It was very personal and displayed to the watching

world that they affirmed the teachings of the individual that they were taking into their home.

The welcoming and fellowshiping with believers and non-believers out of truth and love for Jesus Christ so that they may see Christ more clearly in us.

Our goal is to practice biblical hospitality as we intentionally engage our circles of influence (live, work/school, play). Our prayer is that practicing these moments of hospitality will allow us to have intentional gospel conversations.

Hospitality Audit

1. How are you currently practicing hospitality?
2. How are you currently practicing biblical hospitality?
3. How often do you have people in your home?
4. How often do you visit others in their home?
5. How often do you intentionally linger in the yard or driveway to connect with a neighbor?
6. How often do you allow yourself to engage in conversations at the grocery store, ball fields, workplace, etc.?
7. How often do you engage in neighborhood and community service opportunities, looking to serve with and meet others?
8. How often do you intentionally develop deeper relationships with others with whom you are not sure of their relationship with Jesus?

Hospitality Action Plan

As you think about the names that you circled during the neighboring focus, consider 2 to 3 things that you can commit to as an action plan to engage them through biblical hospitality. Look back at your answers to the audit questions to get some ideas.

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- 3.