



Week 4 – Hospitality

John 3:19-21

¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Hospitality:

:: **GENEROUS PRESENCE**

:: Offering generous & friendly welcome.

:: Being readily receptive, open.

Self-preservation builds BARRIERS;
Hospitality creates space for CONNECTION.

John 2:23-25

²³Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

John 3:1-3

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

Generous Presence:

:: Choosing to SEE and be SEEN.

:: A willingness to WELCOME and be WELCOMED.

John 3:16-17 [MSG]

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

So What?

Where are you in DARKNESS?

Where do you need to be PRESENT?

Notes:

“Gracious and loving God, it is with thankfulness that I hear your call to become Christlike. Something deep within my heart stirs in its heavy sleep at your call. The memory of something I was to have been, but am not, yet still could be, flits on the fringes of my consciousness. O loving God, stir up this hunger in my heart until it becomes the all-consuming passion of my life.”

~ Robert Mulholland



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone, have been in darkness & need light.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

What from this series has been most encouraging for you?

What has been most challenging?

Have you ever thought of hospitality as “generous presence” before? How might thinking of hospitality this way change the way you interact with others?

Read John 3:1-21

:: What stands out to you from this passage?

:: How does Jesus demonstrate “generous presence” here?

:: What do you think kindness, civility, empathy, and hospitality have to do with “living in the light?”

:: What do you sense God calling you to do or be out of what you see in this passage?

Where do you think people most often build barriers between themselves and others?

:: Where do you personally find the greatest temptations to isolate yourself in these ways? How might this indicate where God might want to bring healing and wholeness to you?

Share with someone you trust how you answered the “So What” questions (Where are you in darkness? Where do you need to be present?). Invite them to pray with you about these things and hold you accountable in them.

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