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The Biblical Basis for Hospitality

• Abraham and the three strangers at Mamre.

• Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

“— ‘Hospitality’ is a fundamental attitude to our fellow human beings, which can be expressed in a great variety of ways.
Recognizing hostility to the stranger

• Locks on our bikes and houses.
• Protecting our purses and wallets.

“In our world, the assumption is that strangers are a potential danger and it’s up to them to disprove it.”
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Forms of Hospitality

“When we are able to be good hosts to the strangers in our midst we may find also ways to expand our hospitality to broader horizons.”

• Parents and Children.

• Teachers and Students.

• Healers and Patients.
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Poverty makes a good host

“Poverty is the inner disposition that allows us to take away our defences and convert our enemies into friends.”

• Poverty of Mind:

“Someone who is filled with ideas, concepts, opinions and convictions cannot be a good host.”

• Poverty of Heart:

“When our heart is filled with prejudices, worries, jealouslyies, there is little room for a stranger.”
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Questions for discussion in groups of 2-3.
(Take approximately 10 minutes)

How do I display biblical hospitality to strangers?

How might I understand the idea that poverty makes a good host?
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