

# The Relational Disciple



## Show Hospitality to One Another

**Discipleship groups purpose:** Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

**Key Truth:** Show hospitality to one another.

**Read:** There is real power in being hospitable towards one another and also to those we don't know. For some, being hospitable is easy and is effortless and yet for others, it is something that we need to work at. So much of being a relational disciple is being a hospitable disciple.

Being hospitable isn't just about having people in your home or taking them out for lunch or dinner, but it is about you being open to allow others into your life. It's allowing people to see into your world and how you live your life.

**1 Peter 4:9 says "Be hospitable to one another without complaint."**

Opening one's life up to others is risky, but when we are firmly in Christ we are able to do this because our identity and sense of being are in Him and not in what others may think about you. We are to live this kind of life without complaining or grumbling or looking for some pat on the back and a thank you.

Being hospitable is a key aspect of being a relational disciple. To not be hospitable towards people, would not be very relational as a disciple. Once again it's way more than having people over for cups of tea. It is the opening up of one's life and allowing others into this for the purpose of transformation.

### Questions:

1. Why is being a hospitable disciple so important to the building of the body of Christ?
2. What are the negative consequences for the body of Christ if followers aren't hospitable?
3. To be hospitable without complaint is the instruction. What causes this reality to be our reality?
4. How open (hospitable) are you currently and why?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.