

Radically Ordinary Hospitality



“Obedience to Jesus—dying to self, doing whatever he wants in spite of the cravings of our flesh—renders liberty, with arms open wide, with bread and fish to give away, with a shocking recognition for the outcast and despised, remembering that we were once her. This was true when Jesus walked the earth, and it is true today, in our post-Christian world, where the Christian faith is dismissed or despised and where Christian values are seen as the enemy of compassion, care, and diversity.”

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Followers of Jesus are to obey the command to live out a radically ordinary hospitality.



Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4.8-9 (ESV)



Hospitality
Xenos → *Philos* +

philoxenia

Philos - LOVE

Xenos - STRANGER



Biblical hospitality is expressing the w



When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19.33-34 (ESV)



He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, **for I must stay** at your house today.”



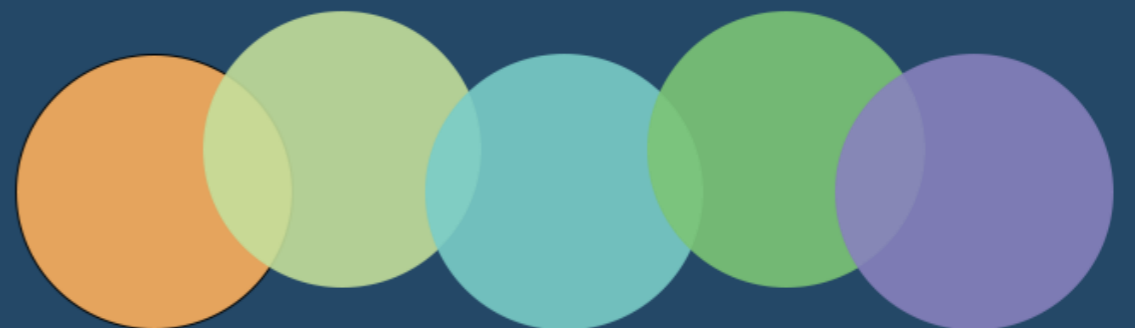
So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**

Luke 19.1-10 (ESV)



For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' **The Son of Man has come eating and drinking**, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

Luke 7.33-35 (ESV)



Jesus came...
eating and
drinking...



For Jesus, meals were not boundary markers (socio-economic, political, race, gender, vocation, etc). Meals were a sign of God's great welcome into the Kingdom for all.



New Testament evidence of hospitality:

Acts 2.42-47

Romans 12.13

Hebrews 13.1-2

Matthew 25.31-46

1 Timothy 3.2

Titus 1.8



Hospitality is expressing the welcome of God to all through tangible acts of love.



Hospitality IS NOT Entertainment

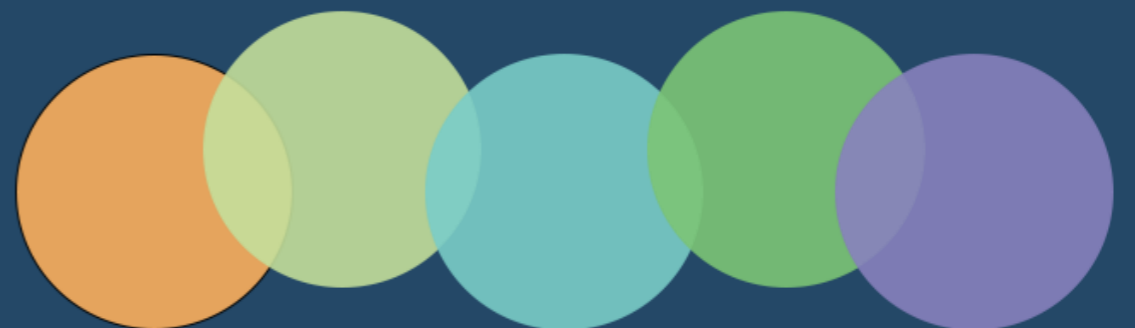


| <i>Entertainment</i> | <i>Hospitality</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Exclusion | Inclusion |
| Performance | Service |
| Clear line between host and guest | Blurred line between host and guest |
| Sporadic | A habitual rhythm of life |
| Reciprocity | Generosity |
| Stratification of groups | Justice for the poor and marginalized |



We live a life of hospitality when
we eat and drink with:

The lost, the family of God, and
with God himself.



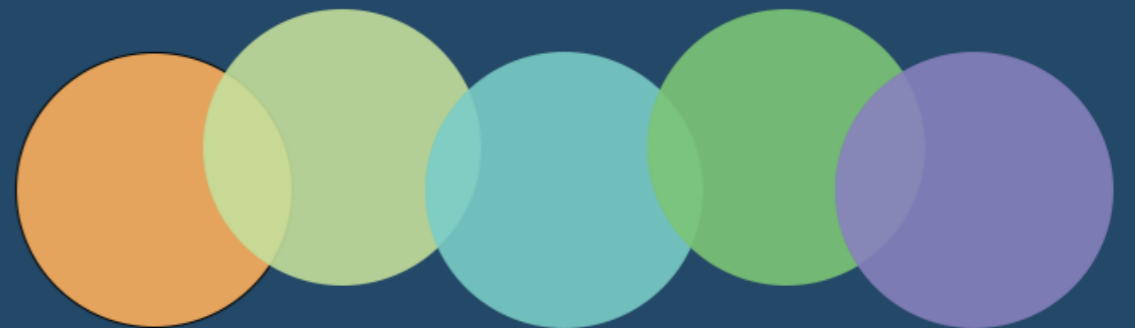
“Radically ordinary hospitality—those who live it see strangers as neighbors and neighbors as family of God. They recoil at reducing a person to a category or a label. They see God’s image reflected in the eyes of every human being on earth. They know they are like meth addicts and sex-trade workers. They take their own sin seriously—including the sin of selfishness and pride. They take God’s holiness and goodness seriously. They use the Bible as a lifeline, with no exceptions. Those who live out radically ordinary hospitality see their homes not as theirs at all but as God’s gift to use for the furtherance of his kingdom. They open doors; they seek out the underprivileged. They know that the gospel comes with a house key.”

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2. Places of meaning and purpose
3. Places of Gospel life





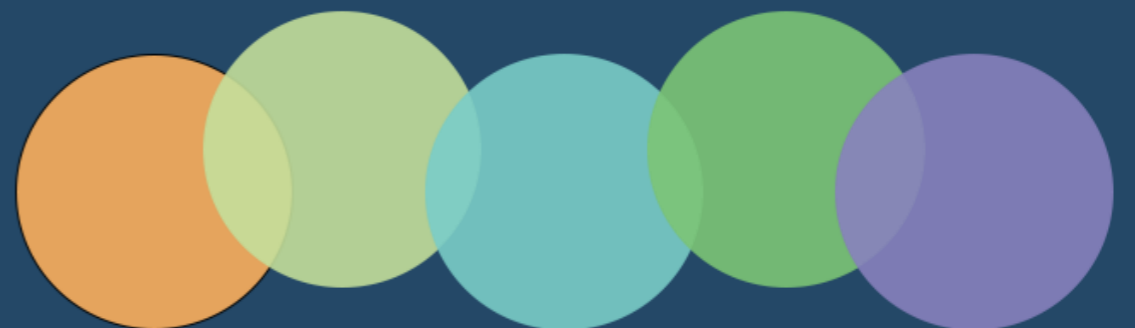
“The Son of Man came eating and drinking. It’s not complicated. True, it’s not always easy—it involves people invading your space or going to places where you don’t feel comfortable. But it’s not complicated. If you share a meal three or four times a week and you have a passion for Jesus, then you will be building up the Christian community and reaching out in mission.”

Tim Chester



“Starting with you and me and our open door and our dinner table and our house key poised for the giving. This is not complex. Radically ordinary, daily Christianity is not PhD Christianity. The gospel coming with a house key is ABC Christianity. Radically ordinary and daily hospitality is the basic building block for vital Christian living. Start anywhere. But do start.”

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