



Hospitality is
loving people just as
they are and
inviting them in.

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HOME, EVEN
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HOME HOSPITALITY

If you could invite 6 others to dinner, who would your ideal dinner guests be?

NOUN

The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

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It might seem strange to be thinking about **hospitality** when we cannot invite people into our homes, but perhaps now is a good time to plan ahead and think about how we can be hospitable with our homes when we can open our doors to others again.



However, hospitality does not need to take place around a table. From what we can see in the Bible it is obvious that Jesus was incredibly hospitable. During his ministry, though, he didn't have a **home** to invite people into or a **salary** to be generous with.

How do you think hospitality could work, even without inviting people into your home?

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It must have been amazing for the disciples to see Jesus and have breakfast with them. For Peter, the fact that Jesus asks him 3 times if Peter loves him would have lifted the burden of having denied Jesus 3 times before he died. Jesus shows Peter real kindness here.

After he was crucified and rose again, Jesus met some of his disciples by the Sea of Galilee.

The disciples are out catching fish but are yet to catch anything. Jesus asks them from the shore what they have caught, and they respond: nothing.

At this point, the disciples do not realise that it is Jesus. He then tells them to throw their nets over to the other side. On doing this the disciples catch many fish. Then John says to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' As soon as Peter hears this he dives straight into the lake and swims to Jesus. The other disciples then come to shore and Peter helps them bring their nets in.

Jesus asks them to join him for breakfast. Jesus then serves them bread and fish. Jesus then asks Peter three times if he loves him, to which Peter replies yes each time.

John 21:1-14

You can watch the LUMO retelling of this account by following the link [here](#).

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How might this challenge us rethink our approach to hospitality?

What challenges might we face to being hospitable to our 'neighbour'?

This event reminds us that Jesus wants to be involved in the every day events of our lives. Jesus ate breakfast with his friends, he helped them do their job (catch more fish).

Perhaps this is the ultimate example of hospitality. When he sits with his friends he talks, listens, shares food and practical help and forgives past wrongs.

Hospitality is meeting a need and serving someone in love. That isn't always easy.

THINK
PRACTICAL

Can you think of examples of people who have shown hospitality to you?

When has someone met your need and served you in love?

Who could you and your family show hospitality to when lock-down is over? *Why not write a list of people you would like to welcome into your home.*

What practical things could you do to be hospitable? *Think of different things that you know others around you need help with. Who could you have a conversation with? Is there someone you need to forgive?*

How can you be hospitable to others now?

“Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said ...Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. *John 21:12-13*

Lord Jesus

Thank you for your hospitality. Thank you that demonstrated practical love to the people around you: meeting their needs; healing them when they were sick; feeding them when they were hungry; listening to their concerns and requests; forgiving them for things that they had done wrong. Thank you that you show this love to us too.

Help us to love our ‘neighbour’ and show hospitality. Helps us to reach out in love and be generous with what we have.

Amen

Why not pray for people you know you could show hospitality to now.