

THE SIMPLEST WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD

CULTIVATING BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

Session 3

OUR PLACE IN THE STORY OF HOSPITALITY

- *Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - **Romans 15:7***
- How did Jesus welcome us? He welcomed us even when we were sinful enemies against God in order to make us into the family of God.
- *"Let God use your home, apartment, dorm room, front yard, community gymnasium, or garden (or TABLE) for the purpose of making strangers into neighbors and neighbors into family. Because that is the point—building the church and living like a family, the family of God." - **Rosaria Butterfield***

BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

Intentionally using our God-given resources to extend the welcome of Jesus Christ for the spiritual and physical good of others so that strangers become neighbors and neighbors become beloved family in Christ.

BARRIERS & BRIDGES TO BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

Cultural Barriers

- Isolation
- Relaxation
- Entertainment
- Busyness

Personal Barriers

- **Personality:** What if I'm an introvert?
- **Embarrassment:** What if I can't remember someone's name I should already know?
- **Space:** What if we don't have space at our place?
- **Finances:** What if I don't have much money?
- **Talking Points:** What if I don't know what to talk about?

- **Relational Capacity:** What if I don't have space for another relationship in my life?

BRIDGES

- **Pray**
- **Pick a day**
- **Look for opportunity**
 - New
 - Lonely
 - Crisis
 - Sick
- **Simplify the details**
- **Cross-pollinate relationships**
 - Unbelieving friends with church friends
 - New friends with old friends
- **Make a list | Places you'll be & People you'll see**
 - Family
 - Neighbors
 - Co-workers
 - Clubs/organizations/stores
 - Church

*How can you use your God-given resources
to extend the welcome of Jesus Christ
for the spiritual and physical good of others
so that strangers become neighbors
and neighbors become beloved family in Christ?*