

### **Show loving hospitality (Hebrews 13:1-3)**

Not top of the list, and yet...Heb. 13:2; Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:9, cf. Acts 28:7; Col. 4:10; 1 Tim. 3:2, Titus 1:8; also Joshua 2, 1 Sam. 25 etc.

How might that make you feel?

### **What is hospitality, biblically speaking?**

A starting point: Heb. 13:3

Committing yourself to someone else who has no place, and no protection, with the intention of refreshing them

Hospitality & hospitals

Shown to other Christians (Heb. 13:1)

***Epecially*** for those we don't know

Heb. 13:2 – ***philoxenia***

- ***philo*** –
- ***xenos*** –

What does that now look like?

“Hospitality is essentially treating others as family” – Tim Keller

**What prevents us from being hospitable?**

- i. It's messy (eg. 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Gal. 2:11-14)
- ii. It's costly
- iii. We're busy
- iv. We feel our inadequacy

### **Why, then, should we be hospitable?**

- a) From the broad storyline of Scripture itself. Because...

Exodus 16, Leviticus 25:23, Psalm 23:5-6, Isaiah 25:6-8

The Son of Man in Luke's Gospel

Embodying the gospel story

- b) From Hebrews 13:2b. Because...

### **How, then, can we be hospitable today?**

One key principle: Let's be hospitable the way God is

Generosity
Humility

In church: not consumers, but co-hosts