

Home Group Discussion Guide

The Heart of Hospitality – Genesis 18:1-8

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Can you think of a time that you were shown hospitality that was memorable?
 - a. Why is it memorable?
2. When you hear the term hospitality, what is it that comes to mind?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8; Hebrews 13:2 (A good verse to add to discussion)

(Read Genesis 18:1-8)

1. What are some of the examples of hospitality that you see in Abraham's example?

(Read verses 2-3; 7-8)

2. What do you notice about the way Abraham receives these visitors?
 - a. How is Abraham's response different to how Western culture often sees hospitality?
3. What could it look like if we chose to value deeply the strangers who cross our paths briefly?
 - a. Can you think of some strangers who you have become aware of lately who you could have shown hospitality to?

(Read Genesis 2-3)

4. How does Abraham's reasoning for his actions of hospitality reframe what the heart of hospitality is?
5. What would it look like for you to create space for others to be safe and rest this week?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What is the step of hospitality that God is urging you towards this week?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

