

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Embracing Outsiders

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Scripture: **1 Peter 4:9**

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### OVERVIEW

Most of our culture agrees with the idea of hospitality - be nice to people. Especially around this time of year. Lots of people are being hospitable, inviting others into their homes, reaching out in different ways. Hospitality is one of the few times where Christianity and culture intersect. But hospitality is more than being neighborly. The reason we need to be hospitable is because hospitality shows both the heart of Christ and the hope of the Gospel. Hospitality goes much deeper than just getting together. You reach out to others because God specifically reached out to you and chose you.

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

1 Peter 4:9, Genesis 18: 1-8 , Leviticus 19:33-34, Romans 12:13 , Hebrews 13:2, Ephesians 2:17-20, Matthew 11:18-19, Luke 15:1-7

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is hospitality? As believers, what should be our goal in being hospitable?
2. Who are the strangers among us today? Do we treat them as a “native among us”? [see *Leviticus 19:34*]
3. Read Luke 15:1-7. Who did Jesus spend his time with during his ministry? Make a list of the events in Jesus’s life where he was spending time with “outsiders.”
4. Make a practical plan to be hospitable—specifically to outsiders. It’s easier to be hospitable to friends and other believers. Schedule an opportunity to reach out to someone else so you can bless them.