SERMON NOTES

The Heart of Hospitality

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Luke 10:25-38

opening prayer

- Invite Holy Spirit to speak something fresh to your group today, even through Scripture and ideas you may have encountered before.

ice breaker

If you were the main character in a movie, which movie would it be and why?

overview

- **We are the first man on the side of the road.** The Christian life begins by acknowledging our need for Jesus, not self-improvement.
- **Jesus is our Good Samaritan.** He met us in our brokenness at great cost; our love for others flows from receiving His.
- **Our neighbor is both universal and immediate.** Neighbors include everyone, especially the people right beside us on our street, commute, and workplace.
- **Hospitality is love in action.** It bridges the gap between theory and life through ordinary, surrendered moments—not perfection.
- **Ordinary moments become sacred opportunities.** Simple acts like coffee or meals become opportunities for strangers to become friends and family in Christ.

go deeper

The Starting Point: We instinctively see ourselves as the hero of the Good Samaritan parable, but our story actually begins as the man on the side of the road in need of rescue. Reframing our perspective reminds us that the Christian life starts with recognizing our own brokenness and need for Jesus, rather than rushing to self-sufficiency.

The Measure of Maturity: True spiritual maturity is not measured by religious routines like prayer or Bible reading, but by whether we are growing in loving people better. Jesus challenges us to move past general concepts of love and focus on our immediate neighbors—the people right next to us on our street, at work, or during our daily commute.

Hospitality in Everyday Life: Hospitality is love made visible, bridging the gap between theory and action by turning ordinary moments into sacred opportunities. By letting go of perfectionism and the need for extravagance, we can invite others to be part of our lives through simple, everyday routines like sharing a meal or a cup of coffee.

application 01

Lower the bar on hospitality.

Rather than waiting for the right moment, extend one simple, low-pressure invitation this week — a coffee, a walk, a meal, or even a genuine conversation. It does not need to be perfect.

discussion

1. Is there an ordinary, recurring moment in your week that you have not yet considered as a potential opportunity for hospitality?

2. Ps Josh prayed for those whose hearts feel closed — whether from busyness, hurt, or the weight of life. Honestly, how open does your heart feel right now toward the people around you? What has contributed to that?

3. Read Hebrews 13:1-2. How does this verse change the way you view everyday intereactions and interruptions?

application 02

Reflect on your own road.

Spend some time this week journaling or praying about your own story — where Jesus met you on the road, what he has brought you through, and what it means to you that he came to you first.

closing prayer

- Pray for an open heart. That Holy Spirit would soften your heart and help you see the people around you the way the God see's them.