



Unsung Heroes: Week 3 — “Hospitality of Lydia”

CONNECT: What part of the fall season are you most excited about? Football, cooler weather, pumpkin spice lattes, etc.

GROW:

1. When you hear the word “hospitality,” what do you typically think of?
2. **Read Matthew 25:34-36, 1 Peter 4:8-9, Luke 14:12-14, and Romans 12:13.**
 - a. What can we learn about hospitality from these scriptures? What does it mean biblically, and why is it important?
 - b. How would you define the difference between biblical hospitality and how the world often approaches it?
3. What stood out to you from Jon’s message? Was there a story that resonated with you, or something that made you see the concept of hospitality differently?
4. Who is someone you know who exemplifies biblical hospitality really well? What stands out to you about the way they approach it?
5. When have you been welcomed and invited into someone’s home/family in a way that significantly impacted you? How did it make a difference in your life?
6. Growing up, what example was set for you in regard to hospitality?
 - a. Did you grow up in a home that had a revolving door of people coming over for dinner or who needed a place to stay, or was your family more private?
 - b. Was hospitality more about a guest’s experience (the house looking spotless or the food looking/tasting amazing), or was the focus on making guests feel loved and welcome?
7. What feels easy to you about hospitality? What feels challenging?
8. Who could you invite into your home and your family to show them how deeply loved they are by God? How could you make this a consistent practice if you don’t already?

PRAY: *God, lead us in showing Your love and acceptance through generous hospitality. Help us to be willing to invite people in and offer whatever we have so they can know how loved they are by You.*

NEXT: Invite someone to join you soon for dinner, a game/movie night, etc., and make a point to ask how you can pray for them.