



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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**BE OUR GUEST**

**Part 1**

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These two criticisms have been used to avoid attending Christian gatherings. Is there some truth to the criticisms listed below? Are the hospitality statements helpful remedies to those criticisms? Discuss each.

Criticism #1 – Christians are hypocrites.

Hospitality walks the talk with strangers and guests.

Criticism #2 – Christians are cliquey.

Hospitality is a much-needed solution to the loneliness epidemic.

Considering your personal interactions outside the church (work, restaurant, checkout lines, Missouri Department of Revenue, etc.), do those who serve you observe hospitality?

**Read Luke 14:12-14 and Proverbs 15:17** – Hospitality welcomes strangers.

- Timothy Keller said we should be, “...proactively seeking to welcome the marginalized.” Who are the marginalized in your community?
- How can you, your family, and/ or your home group “build a longer table, not a taller fence”?

**Read Acts 2:46**

- How does hospitality open the door to diversity?
- Hospital and hospitality share the same root. How have you experienced the healing benefits of hospitality?

**Read James 2:1-4** – Hospitality does not play favorites.

- What did Pastor Ted mean when he said, “every person that walks on this campus is a big deal”?

**Read 1 Peter 4:8-9, Romans 15:1** – Hospitality can be awkward, messy, and exhausting.

- Reflecting on this passage and the two criticisms above, why is it good to tell people they matter to God, but better to show them?
- Do you have the strength to provide hospitality? **Read 1 Peter 4:10-11.**

“There you are,” not “Here I am.” Is there a specific way this phrase may impact how you interact with others this week?

Following up on the previous “longer table” discussion, is there something specific your home group can do to show the love of Christ through hospitality to those outside the group? If no ideas come to mind, pray about it this week, and discuss it again at your next gathering.

As a benediction **read 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.**

