

LEADERS

Please consider who among your group you could encourage toward SG Leadership in the fall. Invite them to the SGL Training (for current + future leaders) on Aug 28th, 9:00am-12:00pm at Doxa!

LEARN

Read 1 Peter 4:7-11 together. What stands out from the text and from Sunday's sermon that was helpful, encouraging or challenging?

In what way is the command to show hospitality rooted in the person and work of Christ? What difference does it make to keep this in mind so we don't mis-define what hospitality is?

(Ex: We welcome and provide for fellow believers because we've been welcomed and provided for by Christ. We've been ungrateful guests in God's world, but God is gracious in providing for us.)

What wisdom principles are applicable when seeking to show hospitality?

(Ex: Realize you are one person and cannot do it all. Remember your responsibilities to family, work, etc. are still present. Do not involve yourself with false teachers.)

Why is "without grumbling" a key point to this command? What is at stake if we technically obey but do so with a heart that grumbles?

(Ex: The posture of our heart in obeying a command is vital. Grumbling itself is a sin, showing ingratitude/pride/selfish motive even if the doors of your home are open to others.)

PRACTICE

Which of the common excuses for not showing hospitality have you used? How can we put down those excuses and take up Christian hospitality together?

(Ex: Messy home, tired from long days, not my gift, home is too small. Confess to the Lord, repent where it's sin, lean into his powerful grace by the Spirit to take joy in our obedience.)

How can we practically change our grumbling attitudes? What should we do, think or pray through to transform grumbling into gratitude?

(Ex: Keep or regain a gospel focus, Jesus' sacrificial love for us, his welcome of us despite our sin, rebellion. Praise God for his gifts, mercy, provision, remember his daily help and presence.)

Group prayer idea: Pray that the Lord would change hearts as needed so that hospitality becomes a regular rhythm in our lives and a part of Doxa's culture overall.

CHANGE

Is there a difficult relationship with another believer (at Doxa or anywhere) that the Lord has laid on your heart to show hospitality toward? Discuss what heart attitudes need to change and pray together for that hospitality to restore relationships where needed.