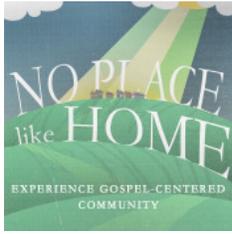


**No Place Like Home**  
**October 27, 2013**

**Radical Hospitality**  
**Genesis 18:1-8**



Inside every one of us is the longing for home - not for a specific street address, but for meaningful relationships in which we can be fully known and loved. Unfortunately, in our fallen world this kind of life-giving community is rare. This is where the church comes in. In God's master plan he made a way for his people, filled with his Spirit to form a new community that transforms the world. This is what we were created for! I hope you will join us in this 9-week series as we learn to show the world there's no place like home.

**Discussion Questions:** (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Genesis 18:1-8. **Hospitality has always been integral to the story of God's people.** The free dictionary.com defines hospitality as "the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers." How did Abraham and Sarah demonstrate this?
2. In Matthew 13:33 Jesus tells a one sentence parable. If you were a Jew hearing this story, how would you understand it?
3. The source of radical hospitality is God, and this is most clearly seen in his Son, Jesus Christ. How does Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10 and Luke 7:34 complete this sentence: "The Son of man came \_\_\_\_\_." (Notice, the first two verses describe his purpose and the third his method.) If Jesus method was hospitality to sinners, outsiders and unclean people, what are the implications for us?
4. Jesus not only ate with sinners, he is the meal (John 6:33-35). Have you accepted Jesus hospitality? If so we are now called to be people who extend his hospitality to others. What do Hebrews 13:1-2, Romans 12:13 and Matthew 25:35-46 say about this?
5. If you have accepted Jesus' hospitality and become a friend of God (John 15:15), will you now extend hospitality by inviting someone over for a meal (once, once a month, once a week) to show and tell God's radical hospitality?