

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 6/23/19

1 Peter 4:1-11; Pursuing Hospitality in Community

Overview

Pursuing Hospitality in Community

- Requires love to reign
- Confronts our selfishness
- Empowers others to serve
- Reminds us of our ultimate purpose

Quotations

Biblically speaking, showing hospitality to one another is as normal and as ordinary as reading our Bibles and as praying to God. It is simply what a Christian does. (Supica)

As love expresses itself in hospitality, hospitality itself presents the opportunity for everyone to use their God-given gifts for the good of others. In other words, hospitality flourishes in community – in partnership with others - because it empowers others to serve. (Supica)

Understanding & Application

1. Why is hospitality important in 1 Peter 4:1-11? How does Jesus link hospitality and community in this text (especially verses 8-11)?
2. Hospitality happens best in community. Why is there no such thing as “lone ranger” hospitality?
3. Look at verse 6; can the gospel be preached to those who are dead? What does Peter mean here?
4. In what way does love cover a multitude of sins? What does it mean for love to reign?
5. What is impeding you from showing hospitality to others? What would it take for you to invite a few people who sit next to you at church to your house after next Sunday’s service?
6. John shared that whether or not we think we’re good at hospitality we’re still called to do it. How do you react to this idea? Has God given you the spiritual gift of hospitality or different gifts? How do you think about this in light of verse 9?