



Fellowship Through Hospitality



Discover the power of welcoming others as Jesus did, cultivating genuine fellowship through hospitality and love.



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Introduction

Welcome to this transformative 5-day Bible study on "Fellowship Through Hospitality." In a world where genuine connection can feel rare, the Bible invites us to open our hearts and homes, mirroring the warm welcome Jesus extended to all. Hospitality is more than offering food and shelter; it's an expression of God's love, fostering deep community and spiritual growth.

Jesus' own life is a perfect example of hospitality. He reached out to the marginalized, dined with sinners, and created an atmosphere of acceptance and belonging. Through hospitality, we emulate His love and help build the body of Christ.

During these five days, we will explore Scripture passages that reveal God's heart for welcoming others, the blessings that come from sharing space and time, and practical ways to cultivate a spirit of hospitality in our daily lives. Whether you consider yourself naturally hospitable or hesitant, this study will encourage and equip you to create fellowship that reflects the grace and kindness of Jesus.

May this journey deepen your relationships, expand your understanding of community, and ignite a passion to serve others with open arms and an open heart. Let's begin this blessed adventure of welcoming and belonging.





Day 1: 🧡 The Heart of Hospitality



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Your Verse

Romans 12:13 – "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 13:2 – "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."*
- *1 Peter 4:9 – "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."*



Devotional: Hospitality Begins with a Heart Open to Others

Hospitality begins with the heart. Romans 12:13 calls us not only to help those in need but specifically to practice hospitality. This means intentionally welcoming others into our lives—whether into our homes, our conversations, or our hearts. Hospitality is a spiritual discipline, an outward expression of God's love through tangible action.

Hebrews reminds us that sometimes welcoming strangers can bring blessings beyond what we see; it may even be a divine encounter. Peter challenges us to do so cheerfully, without grumbling, emphasizing the attitude behind our actions.

Jesus exemplified hospitality by accepting people as they were, breaking social barriers, and inviting them into fellowship. As His followers today, God calls us to cultivate a welcoming spirit that overflows onto others. It's less about the grand gestures and more about sincere openness and generosity in our daily lives.

Reflect: How does your heart respond to the call to hospitality? Are there barriers you need to break down to welcome others as Jesus did?



Reflect and Apply

1. What feelings or fears come up when you think about welcoming new people into your life or home?

2. How can you shift your attitude to offer hospitality without grumbling or reluctance?

3. In what ways does reflecting Jesus' hospitality challenge current cultural norms you experience?



Day 1: 🧡 The Heart of Hospitality

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you experienced warm hospitality and how it impacted you.

2. List barriers or excuses you often face regarding hospitality and consider ways to overcome them.

3. Describe what a hospitable heart looks like in your daily interactions.



Day 1: 🍷 The Heart of Hospitality

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for demonstrating perfect hospitality through Jesus. Help me to open my heart and home with joy and generosity. Teach me to see others as You do and to welcome them without hesitation or complaint. May my life reflect Your love and create spaces where fellowship flourishes. Guide me to be attentive to opportunities You bring to share with those in need. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏🏠❤️✨





Day 2: 🏠 Jesus: The Ultimate Host



Your Verse

Luke 19:5-7 - "Jesus stopped and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Mark 2:15 - "While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him."*
- *John 13:12-14 - "Jesus said... 'Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.'"*



Devotional: Following Jesus' Example: Welcoming and Serving Others

Jesus as a host sets the ultimate example. Notice how He intentionally chose to enter Zacchaeus' home, a man often rejected and despised by society. Jesus sought out the outsider, extending welcome and acceptance, sparking transformation and restoration.

In Mark, we see Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners, breaking social norms and emphasizing that fellowship through hospitality crosses barriers. His table was a place where brokenness met grace and new life sprang forth.

Additionally, Jesus' act of washing His disciples' feet (John 13) is a profound gesture of humble service within fellowship. Hospitality is not just about inviting others in but also serving them with love and humility.

We are called to follow Jesus' lead—not merely providing for physical needs but creating an environment where people feel truly valued and loved.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does Jesus' example of welcoming the marginalized challenge your attitudes toward those different from you?

2. What does humble service look like in your practice of hospitality?

3. Are there people in your life whom you might invite in to foster transformation?



Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a time when someone welcomed you unexpectedly. How did it affect you?

2. Identify ways you can imitate Jesus' humility and service in your hospitality.

3. Write about the barriers Jesus broke through hospitality and how that inspires you today.



Day 2: 🏠 Jesus: The Ultimate Host

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, You are the perfect host and example of welcoming love. Teach me to open my life like You did—ready to receive and serve others humbly. Help me to break barriers and extend grace where it's needed most. May my hospitality be an outpouring of Your heart, reflecting Your acceptance.

Empower me to serve with joy and humility. In Your name, *amen*. 🙏 🏠 ❤️





Day 3: 🍞 Breaking Bread Together



Your Verse

Acts 2:46 – "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 10:16 – "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?"*
- *Luke 24:30 – "When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them."*



Devotional: Sharing Meals: A Pathway to Unity and Grace

Breaking bread is a sacred act of fellowship. In the early church described in Acts, believers gathered daily—not just in public spaces but in homes, sharing meals with joy and sincerity. This simple act fostered deep community and spiritual connection.

Paul reminds us that the bread we break symbolizes our unity with Christ and one another. Jesus' own practice of breaking bread, especially after His resurrection, reveals how such moments can revive hope and strengthen faith.

Hospitality rooted in sharing meals transcends cultural and social divides. It allows for vulnerability, storytelling, and mutual encouragement. When we welcome others to our table, we invite them into God's family and into shared grace.

Consider how you might intentionally break bread in your circles to cultivate fellowship that reflects Christ's body.



Reflect and Apply

1. How can sharing meals with others become more intentional and meaningful in your life?

2. What barriers sometimes keep you from inviting others to your table?

3. How does remembering the body of Christ through breaking bread affect your view of fellowship?



Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a meal shared that deepened a relationship or spiritual connection.

2. Plan a meal or gathering where hospitality can be expressed simply and sincerely.

3. Journal about what it means to you to ‘break bread’ in a spiritual and practical sense.



Day 3: 🍞 Breaking Bread Together

Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for the gift of community and the powerful symbol of breaking bread together. Help me to open my table in ways that nurture fellowship and reflect unity in Christ. May my hospitality be sincere and filled with gladness, drawing others closer to You and to each other. Teach me to cherish these moments as sacred encounters of shared grace. In Jesus' name, *amen.* 🍴🙏💛👫





Day 4: ✨ The Blessings of Welcoming Others



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Your Verse

Matthew 25:35 - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 19:17 - "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."*
- *Luke 14:12-14 - "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends... But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind."*



Devotional: Receiving Spiritual Blessings Through Hospitality

Welcoming others brings blessings both seen and unseen. Jesus teaches that when we feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, and welcome the stranger, we are serving Him directly. Hospitality is a tangible way of living out our faith, aligning our actions with God's heart for mercy and kindness.

Proverbs reminds us that kindness shown to the poor is ultimately a lending to the Lord, promising rewards beyond this life. Luke challenges us to reach beyond our comfort zones when we host, inviting those who cannot repay us, reflecting God's unconditional love.

Opening our lives and resources can be risky and require intentionality, but the spiritual harvest is abundant. Hospitality transforms not only those we welcome but also us, growing patience, compassion, and faith.

Reflect on the blessings God offers when we mirror His hospitality and welcome others with open arms.



Day 4: ✨ The Blessings of Welcoming Others

Reflect and Apply

1. How do you view the relationship between hospitality and serving Jesus Himself?

2. Are there people in your community whom you feel called to welcome despite differences or risks?

3. What blessings have you experienced personally through offering hospitality?



Day 4: ✨ The Blessings of Welcoming Others

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about blessings you have received from acts of hospitality in your life.

2. List ways you can intentionally include those often overlooked in your circles.

3. Reflect on how your hospitality can serve as a ministry to others.



Day 4: ✨ The Blessings of Welcoming Others

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for the reminder that when I welcome others, I am welcoming You. Help me to see beyond barriers and open my heart to those in need, even when it challenges me. Bless my efforts to serve with generosity and without expectation. Grow in me a spirit of kindness and humility that reflects Your love. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏❤️✨🌍





Day 5: 💕 Cultivating a Lifestyle of Fellowship



Your Verse

1 John 1:7 - "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Colossians 3:12-14 - "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*
- *Galatians 6:2 - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*



Devotional: Embracing Fellowship as a Lifelong Journey


Hospitality and fellowship are ongoing callings, not occasional acts. Walking in the light means living transparently and lovingly with one another, creating authentic community. This requires intentional cultivation of virtues such as compassion, kindness, humility, and patience, which bind us together in unity.

Paul urges believers to wear these qualities daily and to bear each other's burdens, reflecting the law of Christ. Fellowship becomes a lifestyle that permeates all relationships, sustained by love.

When hospitality is seen as a continuous way of living, it transforms homes, churches, and communities. It invites everyone to belong and contributes to spiritual health and growth. This is the fellowship Jesus envisioned—one marked by openness, generosity, and deep connection.

As you conclude this study, ask God how He wants to deepen your walk of fellowship and hospitality going forward.



Day 5:  Cultivating a Lifestyle of Fellowship


Reflect and Apply

1. What steps can you take to make hospitality a natural part of your daily life?

2. How do compassion and humility deepen fellowship within your community?

3. In what ways can you support others to carry their burdens through fellowship?



Day 5:  Cultivating a Lifestyle of Fellowship

Journaling Prompts

1. Write your personal commitment to cultivate hospitality and fellowship.

2. List practical ways to demonstrate compassion and kindness regularly.

3. Reflect on relationships that could be strengthened through intentional fellowship.



Day 5: ❤️ Cultivating a Lifestyle of Fellowship

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for calling me into a lifelong journey of fellowship. Help me to embody compassion, humility, and love in every interaction. Teach me to bear the burdens of others and to welcome all with open arms. May my lifestyle reflect Your light and create a community where all feel valued and loved. In Jesus' name, *amen*. ❤️ 🙏 ✨ 😊





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