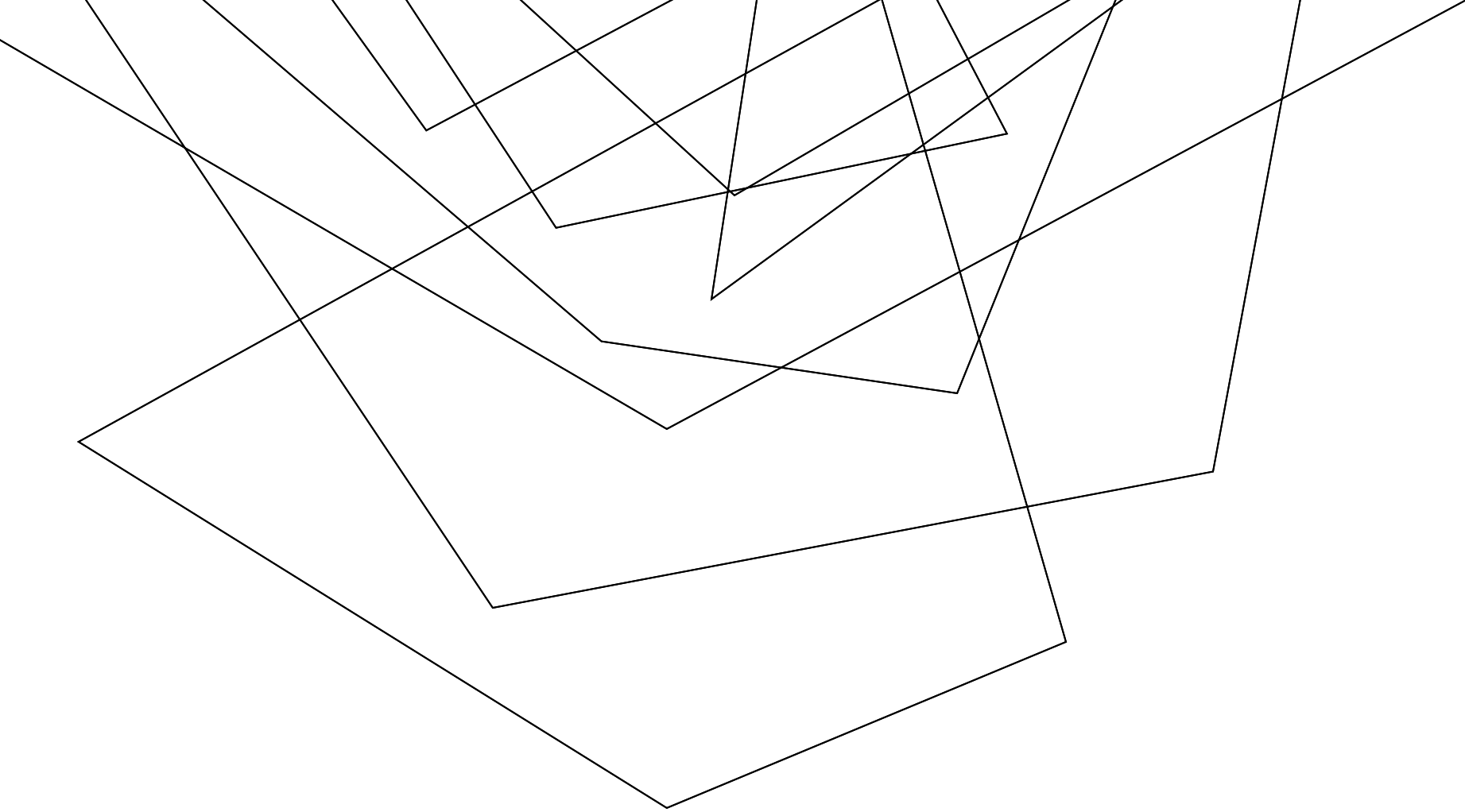




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# THE SURPRISING KEY TO GROWING YOUR MINISTRY IMPACT

(and a biblical requirement for leadership!)



THIS IS SOMETHING THE BIBLE SAYS...

We should be EAGER for  
We should PRACTICE  
We can ALWAYS do



HOSPITALITY IS A CHOICE TO  
WARMLY CARE FOR OTHERS AND  
MAKE ROOM FOR THEM IN OUR  
LIVES.

# HOSPITALITY HAS BEEN A DEFINING FEATURE OF CHURCH LIFE THROUGH THE CENTURIES...

- churches didn't have buildings until after 313 AD (and many still don't today)
- churches didn't have classroom settings until the 1700's
- areas of the world where the gospel is advancing the fastest don't generally have church buildings to start with

So, how does that work?



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## THIS EXPLAINS WHY HOSPITALITY IS A CORE REQUIREMENT FOR CHURCH LEADERS

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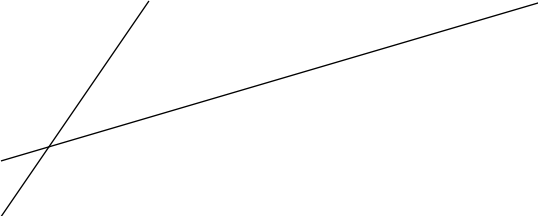
“... he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good.”

1 TIMOTHY 3:2

“ He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach.”



TO BECOME MORE HOSPITABLE, SIMPLY ASK WHO YOU  
CAN INVITE & INCLUDE INTO THE THINGS YOU DO



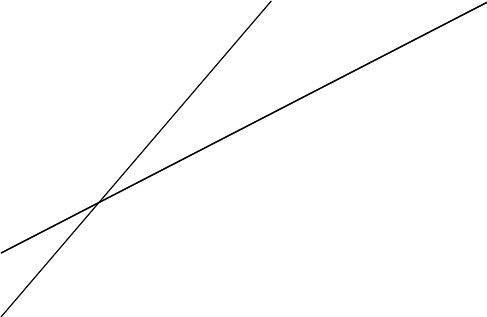
**BUT WAIT... I'M NOT VERY HOSPITABLE.  
I DON'T HAVE THAT GIFT.  
I'M TOO BUSY.  
MY LIFE IS TOO MESSY**



THE FIRST AND BEST STEP TO JUMPSTARTING HOSPITALITY  
IN YOUR LIFE IS ALREADY RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU – 3  
TIMES A DAY!



THROUGHOUT HIS TIME ON EARTH, CRITICS OF JESUS KEPT  
GRUMBLING ABOUT THE PEOPLE HE SHARED MEALS  
WITH...WHY?



## LUKE 5:29-30

“Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus’ disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with such scum?”



## LUKE 5:33

One day some people said to Jesus, “John the Baptist’s disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your disciples always eating and drinking?”



## LUKE 15:1-2

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!



## LUKE 19:5-7

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.



HERE'S WHY WHO JESUS ATE WITH WAS SUCH A BIG DEAL:

SHARED MEALS ARE  
SACRED MOMENTS.



SHARED MEALS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF HEALTHY  
CULTURES, HEALTHY FAMILIES, AND HEALTHY CHURCHES

## IN GOD'S HOSPITALITY TOWARD US – THINK OF THIS:

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- Redemption in the Old Testament was pictured by the Passover meal (Exo. 12).
- Salvation in the New Testament is pictured by the Communion meal (John 13-16)
- Our heavenly entrance in future is consummated by a glorious wedding meal (Rev. 19:9)
- Being restored in relationship to God is pictured as a meal with Jesus (Rev. 3:20)
- Could your next step to love others involve a meal?



SO THIS QUESTION COULD CHANGE YOUR MINISTRY IMPACT:

Lord, who could I invite and include in – a meal?



## FRANCIS SHAFFER

“Don’t start with a big program. Don’t suddenly think you can add something to your church budget and begin. Start personally and start in your home. I dare you. I dare you in the name of Jesus Christ. Do what I am going to suggest. Begin by opening your home for community ... You don’t need a big program. You don’t have to convince your pastors or board. All you have to do is open your home and begin.”