

2024 Global Impact Celebration

The Welcome of Jesus

Discussion Guide: Gospel Hospitality Changes Our World

Passage: Mark 6:34-43

Summary: When Christians live in the margins, as we do in our post-Christian world, our most effective witness is Gospel-shaped hospitality. While the world may reject our beliefs, our love for one another and how we extend this love to them is our most compelling apologetic for the Gospel. Being faithful witnesses in the midst of our world will require lives of hospitality in community. This week, we see what practical hospitality looks like, learning from Jesus feeding more than 5,000 people in the wilderness.

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus both “saw” and “had compassion” for the people he fed. We need to pay attention to and pray for the people God has put in our lives (neighbors, co-workers, etc). Who is God inviting you to “see” and “care” about?
2. The disciples had a clear command from Jesus to meet the needs of the crowd. We need to discern what God is inviting us to do as we see the people He has placed around us. How do you discern this?
3. Like the disciples who gathered their bread and fish, we need to take an inventory of what God has given us that we can use to practice hospitality with others. What has God given you that you can use to bless others? Think creatively.
4. We need to ask God to multiply what we have to offer as we obediently give it to show hospitality to others. We’ll never feel like we have enough, but God can provide. What do you fear you won’t have enough of as you try to practice hospitality (energy, resources, time, space)? What would it look like to obediently practice hospitality and trust God to provide?

Talk about the Global Impact Commitments we’re inviting everyone to consider and ask your community to pray about what God is inviting them to do (i.e.- to

pray for the 40 days of Lent for one person who does not yet know Jesus, to do a prayer walk, to share a meal or coffee with someone God is calling you to build a friendship with, and to give financially to support our mission partners through our Global Impact Offering). Take some time to pray for God to help you see the person(s) He is inviting you to welcome through hospitality.