

# HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE!

How might we recapture hospitality as a central dimension of faithful living as we participate in God's reweaving work in the world?

## HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE #1

### *Being Out of Place*

Passages on Hospitality: Luke 4:14-30; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 10:1-11; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 10:38-4; Luke 14:7-15; Luke 15:11-32; Luke 19:1-10; Luke 22:7-30; Luke 24:13-35

Reflect upon your own "place" (*where you live*). Are there places, people, groups in your neighborhood or community that you tend to avoid? Why do you avoid these places?

Find a new place to spend some time. This could be a different coffee shop, a different grocery store or any kind of place where you don't usually go.

1. What do you notice?
2. What assumptions did you have coming in that were affirmed?
3. What assumptions turned out to be incorrect?
4. Take some time to reflect on how it made you feel to be in this unfamiliar space.

## HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE #2

### *Responding to Invitation & Disruption*

Passages on Hospitality: Luke 4:14-30; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 10:1-11; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 10:38-4; Luke 14:7-15; Luke 15:11-32; Luke 19:1-10; Luke 22:7-30; Luke 24:13-35

Invitations can be obvious or subtle. They can be to an event or even to a simple conversation.

1. Look out for invitations from others. When they come along, say "yes" and wonder about what God might be revealing to you about receiving hospitality from others.
2. Take some time to reflect on how you might have experienced God through this experience.

## HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE #3

### *Paying Attention with Humility & Grace*

Passages on Hospitality: Luke 4:14-30; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 10:1-11; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 10:38-4; Luke 14:7-15; Luke 15:11-32; Luke 19:1-10; Luke 22:7-30; Luke 24:13-35

Life can sometimes feel like an “out of control” time with recitals, sporting events, work, shopping, entertaining, increased spending and family obligations (*to name just a few examples!*). What would it look like for us to practice the postures of openness, humility and grace ready for disruptive invitations from the Holy One?

1. Choose an event or gathering that is already in your agenda. This could be something regular to your routine (fitness class, grocery shopping, office lunch, etc.).
2. Commit to giving this event your full attention while you are there, not worrying about what’s next on your list of things to do or places to be. Pay attention to what is going on around you.
  - Who is there?
  - How are they behaving?
3. Take some time to reflect on what you learned about yourselves and others by being intentional about being fully present and paying attention.