

Christian Hospitality is a Posture We Adopt

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38–42 NRSV

- The posture of Christian hospitality is _____.
- Christian hospitality embodies the _____ of Christ.



sermon notes

"Come and See"

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"Come and see" is the central invitation that underscores

Christian Hospitality Begins with Invitation

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "**Come and see.**"*

John 1:43–46 NRSV

- What is unique about Christian hospitality is that no space or individual is _____.
- When we cultivate hospitality in the Christian life, we seek _____ rather than to make assumptions.

Christian Hospitality Moves Us From Welcoming to Belonging



“Ethiopian Eunuch” by Paul Goodnight

So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Acts 8:27–31 NRSV

- As we seek to abide in this new life, God cultivates in us a hospitality that is _____.
- Our new life in Christ challenges us to remove the veil that inhibits us from seeing the neighbors that God calls us to love.

Answer key

“Come and see” is the central invitation that underscores CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY.

What is unique about Christian hospitality is that no space or individual is INSIGNIFICANT.

When we cultivate hospitality in the Christian life, we seek TO UNDERSTAND rather than to make assumptions.

As we seek to abide in this new life, God cultivates in us a hospitality that is RADICAL.

The posture of Christian hospitality is IRRATIONAL.

Christian hospitality embodies the HUMILITY of Christ.