

Congregational Sunday – Practicing Hospitality

#1 The importance of hospitality

(i) It's a command

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." Romans 12:11-13

(ii) It's an attitude

"Love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 Peter 4:9

(iii) It's ongoing

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#2 The impetus for hospitality

"The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." Lev 19:34

"You were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope & without God in the world. But now you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ." Eph. 2:12-13

#3 The practise of hospitality

(i) Home is not about privacy

(ii) Hospitality not about performance