

Sermon notes for Growth Groups



Title: God is Hospitable to Strangers

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Intro questions:

What belonging, protection and connection have you enjoyed through your family?

Have you experienced the loss of those good things? How was it?
Is God concerned with strangers, aliens and refugees?

Key passages:

Exodus 23:1-9

Psalms 146

Ephesians 2:17-19

Main points to consider:

- The Exodus story is about God's care for aliens & strangers.
- The people of Israel are invited to have a heart for strangers - as those who once aliens themselves.
- Practicing Hospitality toward the stranger is a Christ-like trait.

Discussion questions:

Biblical hospitality is the practice of welcoming strangers to provide care that moves them toward friendship.

- Do you see God's rescue of Israel from Egypt as fitting the definition of hospitality?
- Why does God remind his people to have a heart for strangers?
- What might it look like for us to care for aliens & strangers in our community? How can hospitality help us?