

# Sermon notes for Growth Groups



**Title:** Inefficiencies of God's Hospitality

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## Intro questions:

What are the benefits of efficiency in life?  
What would it look like for efficiency to be an idol?  
Is hospitality efficient? Why or why not?

## Key passages:

Deuteronomy  
24:14-22

Deut 10:17-21  
Lev 23:22  
Ex 22:21-24  
Deut 23:24-25

## Main points to consider:

- God redeems Israel, who once were slaves & aliens (hospitable God)
- God guides Israel with just laws to live graciously with aliens (hospitable God)
- The people of Israel are to be graciously inefficient - guard against idol of efficiency & give aliens opportunities to work with dignity (hospitable people)

## Discussion questions:

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

- How can efficiency keep us from seeing the needs of others?
- How can efficiency help us care for the needs of others?
- Do you think God's laws in Deut 24:14-22 are hospitable?
- How might the heart of these laws translate into our day?