

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Hospitality:

Generously providing _____ & _____ to
_____.

Christian hospitality is _____ hospitality.

Radical:

1) _____ / lacking in _____

2) _____ / getting to the _____

Radical Hospitality:

1) Doing _____ to make someone
feel _____.

2) Extending welcome to those who _____, _____,
and _____ differently.

3) Meets people _____ they are,
_____ they are.

Questions for Further Growth

For the week of September 26, 2010

- 1.** Think of a time when you went into a new situation and no one made an effort to make you feel welcome. What did it feel like? What thoughts were running through your mind? What was your impression of the people/organization involved?

Think of a time when you were in a new situation and someone, or group, made the extra effort to make you feel you belonged? What did it feel like? What thoughts were running through your mind? What was your impression of the people/organization involved?

- 2.** Read the story of Rahab in Joshua 2:1-21 and the short conclusion in Joshua 6:21-25. What risk did Rahab take by showing hospitality to the men from Israel? What was her reason for taking such a risk? What risks do you currently take to show hospitality to strangers?
- 3.** The story of the Shunamite woman is actually the basis for the tradition of having a guest bedroom in American homes. Read the story in 2 Kings 4:8-17. Notice the Shunamite woman has 1) resources, 2) community, and 3) the ability to recognize God in the stranger. How do you currently use your resources to help the stranger? How does a sense of a supportive caring community make it easier to offer hospitality? How can you learn to recognize God in the stranger?

Where is the “guest room” at Church of the Palms? How do we make strangers feel welcome?

- 4.** Pastor Tim said radical hospitality means making ourselves uncomfortable in order to make someone else feel comfortable. When was the last time you did that? When was the last time you saw that happen at Church of the Palms? What do we need to build into our lives at home and in the church to make radical hospitality a way of life for us?

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Hospitality:

Generously providing kindness & care to those in need.

Christian hospitality is radical hospitality.

Radical:

1) Extreme / lacking in moderation

2) Rooted / getting to the root of things

Radical Hospitality:

4) Doing whatever it takes to make someone feel welcome.

5) Extending welcome to those who think, look, and act differently.

6) Meets people right where they are, just as they are.