

## Hospitality Maturing

- Track at least 10 people on a regular basis that you are
  - Praying for them to get closer to God
  - Looking for opportunities to share your faith in ways that bring them closer to Jesus
  - Making regular contact with so you can bring them one step closer to Jesus."
- Daily hospitality is good for the children/grandchildren. It's good for children/grandchildren to watch their parents/grandparents living the gospel in regular, nightly table fellowship. They watch you warmly embrace neighbors who think differently than you do, and they hope that maybe, just maybe, their secrets are safe with you. They watch you live gospel fluency, handle conflict, make sacrifices, and they see unbelievers come to Christ at the kitchen table. The children/grandchildren in the neighborhood catch on to what is going on at your home, and soon, they start coming to dinner, asking questions, opening their hearts in family devotions, and coming to church. These kids start to bring their siblings. Or their parents. Or grandparents. Your children/grandchildren behold that Jesus really is King and really is alive, and that he isn't just some prop you pull out on Sunday morning or for youth group. (<https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-things-you-should-know-about-christian-hospitality/>)
- Make an attempt to add value to someone whose life is far from God or whose spiritual state you do not know.
- Be sure it is someone who knows you have nothing to gain except caring for them.
- Invite invitations to share! Tell your server at any service establishment you are going to be praying for them and ask if they have any special requests.
- Are you attending a Sunday or Wednesday morning Bible Study? If you are, try keeping a journal of the life applications each week. Return to them frequently to determine if you are living into the life applications. If you are not attending, choose one and try it consistently for a month or two.
- Hide God's word in your heart. Start with memorizing this verse.  
**Matthew 11:28-30** *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*
- Is there someone, who doesn't know Christ, that God is calling you to mentor and build a relationship with?
- Offer people a blessing. When they ask how you are doing, find a way to respond that reflects your faith. The one Pastor Lois uses came from someone that she taught in a computer class before she ever became a pastor. Don't be afraid to adopt one from someone else! In letters, emails or greeting cards you send, add a blessing. As you end conversations, add a blessing. God bless you works, but if it seems worn, find other blessings and make them your own. Scripture is a great place to look!
- At the end of the day, reflect on whether you've reflected the light of Christ well. How could you do better?
- Schedule doing a testimony (with April) regarding the importance of building a relationship with God and how you have shared God's love with another.