

# **HYGGE: WHERE THINGS GO WRONG...**

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*“While hygge can be deeply enjoyable and rejuvenating, it is also a non-inclusive exercise that can leave newcomers to Denmark on the outside looking in. Hygge encourages its practitioners to shelter, cluster, and enclose. It can be hard for outsiders to access the occasions where hygge unfolds.”*

## **THE GOSPEL**

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. –*Matthew 11:28 (NLT)*

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. –*John 6:37 (ESV)*

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. –*Matthew 8:16 (ESV)*

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. –*John 3:16 (NLT)*

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. –*Titus 2:11 (NIV)*

**The character of the Gospel is welcomeness—hospitality.**

...let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.” –*Revelation 22:17 (ESV)*

## **HOSPITALITY IN THE BIBLE**

**Old Testament Stories**

Abraham’s Journey with Hospitality  
*Genesis 12, 14, 18, and 19*

Rahab Welcomes the Hebrew Spies

*Joshua 2*

Elijah Receives the Hospitality of the Widow of Zarephath

*1 Kings 17-18*

Elisha is Hosted by the Shunammite Woman

*2 Kings 4*

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**“The warmth of true friendship...  
is a foretaste of the joys of heaven.”**

*–Ellen G. White, Ministry of Healing, p. 360*

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## **CODIFIED IN ISRAEL’S IDENTITY**

*You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself.*

*–Leviticus 19:34 (ESV)*

## **CONTINUED IN THE EARLY CHURCH**

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

*–Acts 2:44-47 (ESV)*

## **DIRECTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH APOSTLE PAUL**

*Always be eager to practice hospitality. –Romans 12:13b (NLT)*

### **Three Ways to Expand the Hospitality of Your Connect Group**

1. Be open to God asking you to add someone new to your group.
2. Host activities as a connect group and invite people that are not a part of your connect group to attend.
3. Be open to God asking you to leave your current connect group and start a new group so you can invite others who are not connected to join you in the new group.

**But you don't have to be in a Connect Group to practice hospitality. In fact, no one should ONLY practice hospitality with their Connect Group!**

The Bible says hospitality begins with the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“An \_\_\_\_\_ must be hospitable.”*

*–Titus 1:8 (NIV)*

Hospitality is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the follower of Jesus.

*“Show hospitality to one another without \_\_\_\_\_.”*

*–1 Peter 4:9 (ESV)*

When we show hospitality to others, we are being hospitable towards \_\_\_\_\_.

*“I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it \_\_\_\_\_!”*

*–Jesus, in Matthew 25:40 (NLT)*

## TAKE ACTION

I will be hospitable toward...

In the church \_\_\_\_\_.

Outside the church \_\_\_\_\_.

All for \_\_\_\_\_.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically  
Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World  
*by Rosaria Butterfield*

Holy Hygge: Creating a Place for People  
to Gather and the Gospel to Grow  
*by Jamie Erickson*

The Simplest Way to Change the World  
*by Dustin Willis & Brandon Clements*