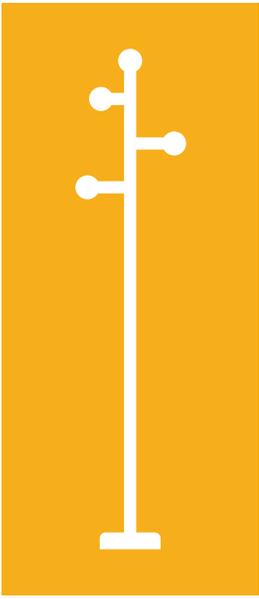
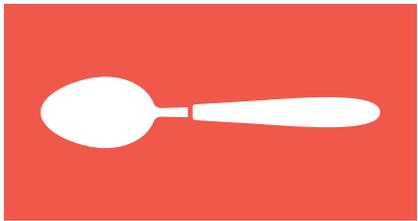
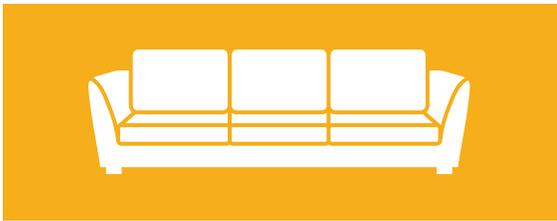


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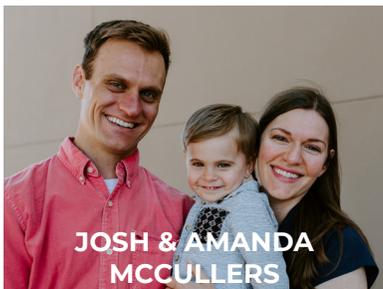
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HOSPITALITY AS DISCIPLESHIP

To be a Christian is to be a disciple. To be a disciple is to be one who is called to make disciples. But how can we possibly find time to “do discipleship, when we are already busy with life’s demands and crammed schedules”? It comes in the form of hospitality. Things like eating meals together, running errands together, and having meaningful conversations can be the very elements in which the richest discipleship takes place. How can we pursue hospitality as a form discipling others?

HOSPITALITY BEYOND THE HOME

What comes into our minds when we think of hospitality is hosting people in our homes. This usually involves food and some kind of conversation where relationships are deepened. But what if you aren’t able to use your home, or don’t have a home? Can hospitality be practiced in others ways? YES! In fact, hospitality can happen just as powerfully in the work place and sports fields as it can at home. But how?



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CONFRONTING OBSTACLES TO HOSPITALITY

The very notion of hospitality can be mind-bending. The thought of lovingly serving others in their needs can be intimidating and we can be paralyzed by the sheer magnitude of what’s at stake. This means that the only thing more difficult than the concept of hospitality is the practice of hospitality. There are many reasons we hesitate to practice hospitality. The problem is that we are blinded from seeing some of those reasons. How can we overcome our blind spots, and confront those obstacles??

HOSPITALITY IS FAR MORE THAN ENTERTAINMENT

In our culture, hospitality is understood most commonly as entertainment where we open our homes and share a meal with others. In doing so, we seek to make sure our guests are served the best we have to offer. We feel the pressure to provide a Pinterest-inspired cuisine, matching centerpiece, and just the right ambiance. But what if our homes can be used for so much more? What might it look like to think of hospitality as something more than entertainment?



UNDERSTANDING GOSPEL-CENTERED HOSPITALITY

The command to be hospitable is rooted in the very nature and work of God. God has welcomed us into His presence and has lavished His love and grace upon us. It is in response to God’s hospitality toward us that we respond in like toward others. Since hospitality is rooted in God’s welcome of us, what we offer to others is not our welcome, but the welcome of God Himself. What we communicate to others is that we see them, and in seeing them we recognize their value, their dignity, and their worth. How does understanding the gospel shape the practice of hospitality?

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