

The Gospel Comes With A House Key

Practicing Radical Ordinary Hospitality In our Post-Christian World

(Week 1 – Study Guide)

PREFACE CHAPTER

- 1) What ideas thoughts come to mind when you think of hospitality? In what ways do currently practice those things in your life?

- 2) In the preface chapter, Rosaria Butterfield makes a number of statements regarding “radical ordinary hospitality.”
 - Which of those statements feels “radical” to you? Why?

 - Which of those statements feels “ordinary” to you? Why?

Chapter 1

- 1) At the beginning chapter 1, Rosaria gives us a glimpse to her morning routine, systematic reading and systematic praying. Why do you think this is important as we consider a life of hospitality? That is, why do you think its important to maintain a regular disciplined private-faith life as you pursue an effective public-hospitable life?

PERSONAL REFLECTION // How is your spiritual discipline of reading and praying? What needs to change for you in this area?

- 2) Consider this statement from chapter 1: ***“Truth be told, Hank was not the neighbor we had prayerfully asked for when Eddie sold the house and moved her family to Wisconsin. But we trusted that Hank was the neighbor God had planned for us.”*** (location 194, Kindle).

There is always a connection between our orthodoxy (what we believe) and our orthopraxy (what we do). What doctrinal truths do you hear in that quote?

Consider Ephesians 2:8-10. What would change in our life if we allowed the truth of those verses to govern our day to day life?

- 3) ***“Good neighboring is at the heart of the gospel we know.”*** Do you agree with this statement Rosaria made? Why or why not?

- 4) ***“So when Hank moved in, we shared with him our contact information, introduced him to our dogs and kids, and waited for him to reciprocate.”*** - (Kindle Locations 195-196) What part of this feels very radical to you? What part feels very ordinary to you?

How does this action reflect the way Jesus lived his life? (Give a particular example from Jesus’ life if you can)

- 5) ***“And where else but a Christian home should neighbors go in times of unprecedented crisis? Where else is it safe to be vulnerable, scared, lost, hopeless?”*** (Kindle Locations 229-230) What is presupposed about our homes, about our lives, about our hopes and living in this statement?

The apostle Paul says something similar in 2 Corinthians 2:15–16. What do we learn from the apostles words? What implications might it have on our view of mission and hospitality?

FINAL REFLECTIONS // What stood out to you in these two chapters? What challenged you? What encouraged you?