

# The Gospel Comes With A House Key

*Practicing Radical Ordinary Hospitality In our Post-Christian World*  
(Reading Guide Week 2 / Covering Chapters 2 & 3)

## CHAPTER 2 / The Jesus Paradox

- 1) This chapter starts by talking about foster care and adoption, something near to Rosaria’s heart. Is that a strange connection: hospitality and foster care/adoption? What underlining ideas are common to both of these?
- 2) As Rosaria described Jesus’ interaction with the leper (from Luke 5:12-14), what stands out to you?
- 3) Consider these words from the book: “Radically ordinary hospitality is this: using your Christian home in a daily way that seeks to make strangers neighbors, and neighbors family of God.”

What part of that feels radical to you? What part feels ordinary?

Remember that the real power of hospitality is inviting others into the life we **are** living. That is, hospitality is not entertainment. When Rosaria writes that hospitality is “using your Christian home,” we should pause to ask ourselves, “What about our homes, its structures and rhythms and pursuits, is Christian?” Take a moment to reflect.

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- 4) On page 31 (Kindle location 402), this statement is made: “*The purpose of radically ordinary hospitality is to build, focus, deepen, and strengthen the family of God, pointing others to the Bible-believing local church, and*

*being earthly and spiritual good to everyone we know.*" Notice how deeply Rosaria ties hospitality to the local church. Do you agree with her? Is this critical in effective hospitality? Why or why not?

- 5) Rosaria describes the effect of hospitality as something that "sanctifies us by putting us in a sacrificial posture of service to others" (page 38, Kindle location 529). She then references Galatians 5:13-14 and on. Read and reflect for a second on Gal 5:13-14 and a "posture of service to others." What do you think about that? Is that your life? Is that your home? How important is this in the work of sanctification?
  
- 6) What stood out to you in this chapter?

### **Chapter 3 / Our Post Christian World**

- 1) At the beginning of this chapter, Rosaria tackles the idea of accepting but not approving and comments on how difficult that is in our current cultural climate. She then turns to hospitality as an answer for this tension. Do you agree? Does hospitality, and in what ways, help us convey a message of acceptance but not approval?
  
- 2) Of the six practices laid out about hospitality (pages 52-63, Kindle location 738-927), which one stands out to you? How does it encourage you? How does it correct you?
  
- 3) In this chapter, Rosaria talks about the doctrine of common grace (page 55), hits upon the gospel, even coming at it from a Reformed perspective (page 56), addresses the topic of God's image in each one of us (page 58), describes three ways we find union with Christ (page 59), and bleeds all that into the topic of hospitality. Why do you think this is? How and why are our doctrinal foundations related to our living?
  
- 4) What stood out to you in this chapter?

**FINAL REFLECTIONS: //** After reading & reflecting on these chapters, in what ways are you challenged to practically see changes your life?