


Hospitality

PART 2



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“Artfully woven into the fabric of who we are, each of us possesses an urgency to be included, an ache to be known, and a longing to be welcomed.”

Gloria Furman, author





INTRO | Radical Biblical Hospitality:

An uncompromising key to Church, life and being able to connect, grow and love, is to be a people that is hospitable.

Letting others in and also being able to enter in and share

- Beginning and the End:

Genesis and Revelation 3:20 ESV Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Definition:

Hospitality | friendly and generous reception and ~~entertainment~~ of 'sharing Jesus with' guests, visitors, or strangers.

friendliness, hospitableness, welcome, warm reception, helpfulness, neighbourliness, warmth, warm-heartedness, kindness, kind-heartedness, congeniality, geniality, sociability, conviviality, cordiality, amicability, amenability, generosity, liberality, bountifulness, open-handedness.

GREEK | Philoxenos | fond of guests, that is, hospitable: - **given to** (lover of, use) hospitality.

Philonexia hospitableness: - **entertain strangers**, hospitality.

Philo-xenos

Radical Hospitality establishes...

1. **COMMUNITY** and sense of belonging and calling [*friendship*]
2. **DISCIPLESHIP** and true life on life impartation
3. **EVANGELISM** and leads to salvations of love



Where have you been
blessed by community?

1. Community:

1.1 People LONG to BELONG

Psalm 68:6 'God sets the lonely in families'

Psalm 68:5 God in His holy dwelling is a father of the fatherless and a champion of widows. 6 God provides homes for those who are deserted. He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a scorched land. 6 God causes the lonely to dwell in families. He leads prisoners into prosperity, but rebels live on parched land.

MSG: God makes homes for the homeless

1.2 Modern Western Philosophy:

Risk of anti-belonging, -authoritarian, -community mind-set entrenched in our worldviews

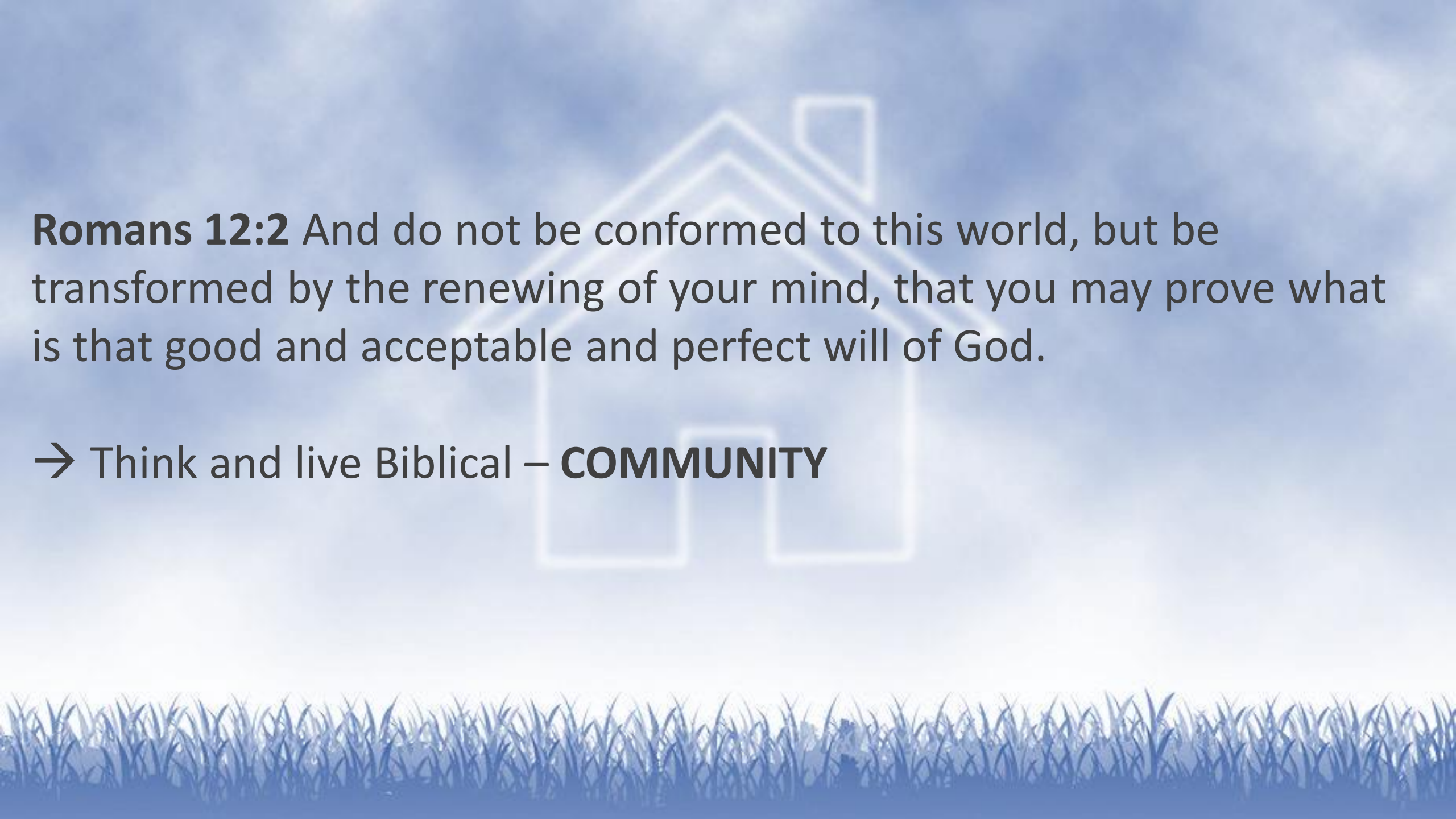
INDIVIDUALISTIC

The Enlightenment, started in Europe | 17th and 18th century movement emphasizing reason, individualism and skepticism | Value of human happiness, the pursuit of knowledge and many other things.. The ideas of individual liberty and religious tolerance. Separation of Church and state. Deism started here. Moving God out... Entrenched in our Western ways and unfortunately the church... Living for myself and my happiness. The Kingdom is not SELF!

Matthew 22 “And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself”

I need to think of more than just me...

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.


→ Think and live Biblical – **COMMUNITY**

1.3 His Church and Kingdom is different:

Romans 12:13 “When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.”

Acts 2:46-47 (NKJV) So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Simplicity and unity → Community

A rustic stone wall with a dark blue door. The door is slightly ajar, revealing a dark interior. Green pine branches are visible on the left and right sides of the wall. A small silver light fixture is mounted on the wall above the door.

“Hospitality is when
someone feels at
home in your
presence.”



1.4 Why hospitality for community?

Where He is everything changes. His Person and Presence is everything.

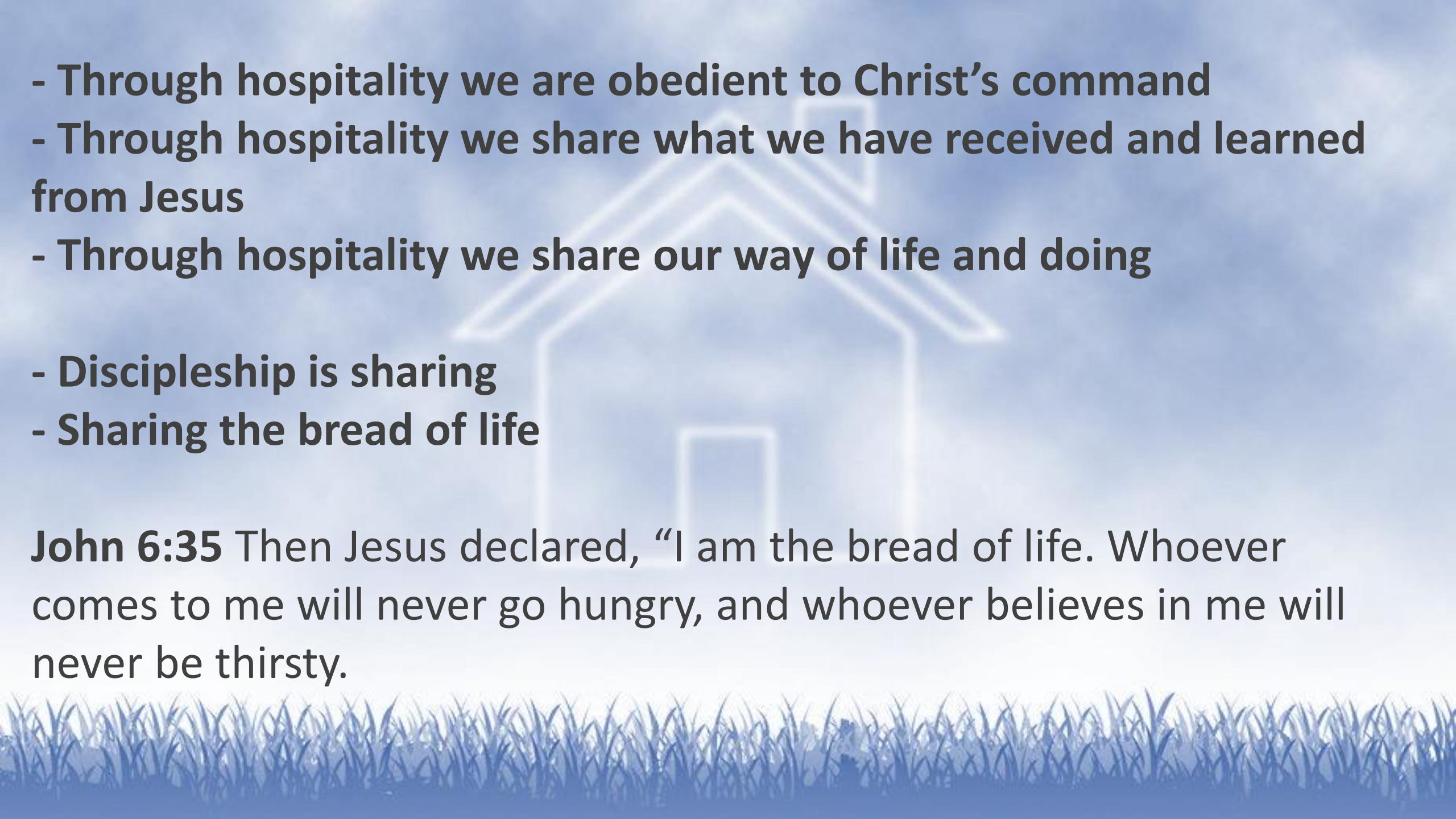
Matthew 18:19-20 (NKJV) “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

2. Discipleship:

Discipleship happens with life on life impartation.

True Biblical community where there is Radical Biblical Hospitality...

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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- Through hospitality we are obedient to Christ's command
 - Through hospitality we share what we have received and learned from Jesus
 - Through hospitality we share our way of life and doing
 - Discipleship is sharing
 - Sharing the bread of life

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



Let's Pray

