

Create



Prepare in Advance

Facilitator: In advance of the session:

- Provide pens/pencils and paper
- Provide crayons or colored pencils
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

Breath of God

Ask someone to read Matthew 10:40-42. Then, show the *Bible Background Video*.

Say: Jesus calls us to a radical form of hospitality, one that welcomes others as we would welcome Christ. Today we will consider what it means to show and to be shown hospitality.

Distribute copies of this page. Invite each person to choose either the **Writing** or the **Visual** approach and spend the next 20-25 minutes with that experience.

Create – Writing

Write at least one of these options:

- Write about a time when you experienced wonderful hospitality from someone else. Include the way the hospitality made you feel.
- Write about a time when you offered hospitality to someone else. Include the way the act of hospitality made you feel.
- Write a poem or song lyrics called: Finding Hospitality

Create – Visual

Using crayons or colored pencils and paper, create one of these visual items:

- Create two logo designs: one for “Welcome” and one for “Closed.” Allow the design of each logo to express the feel of these words.
- Draw or sketch a visual work that expresses symbolically the ideas of welcome and hospitality.

Share

Call the group together. Ask for volunteers to share their creations and explain their meaning, or tell the stories behind them.

Close

Offer a prayer offering thanks for God’s acts of hospitality and welcome to us, and asking for the grace to show that same welcome to others.

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