

Media



✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session’s webpage).

✔ Welcoming

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Sanctuary Movement” and/or “Shelter From the Storm” video clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- How do these videos complement or challenge these scriptures?
- What kinds of things does your congregation typically do to welcome people?
- In what ways are your congregation's efforts to welcome others affected by the calendar, the kind of people being welcomed, or other factors?
- Who do you think that your congregation is most missing out on attracting and why?
- If your congregation was specific about welcoming the people it most wanted, what kinds of people do you think it would be most and least likely to seek to attract and why?
- What do you think your congregational attitude toward welcoming others says about you?

✔ React to This

Play the “Kingdom of Heaven” and/or “Enemy Mine” clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- In what ways do these videos “fit” with the other material we’ve been discussing?
- What do people generally have to do in order to make you feel either welcome or unwelcome somewhere?
- What kinds of things do you do when you want to make someone feel welcome or unwelcome?
- Tell about a friend or other person who took you in when you needed someone to do so. What did you learn from that?
- What are some of the dangers involved in welcoming someone who may be struggling to find acceptance?

- How might one move past their own or other people's misgivings in order to practice radical hospitality?

✔ Close

Invite people to describe a person or type of person toward whom they are having trouble extending hospitality or acceptance. Pray for a chance to find an opportunity to transform their relationships through hospitality.

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