

Youth



✔ 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).

✔ Needs

Show the "Blindside" clip.

Use these questions to facilitate discussion.

- What was she risking by inviting Big Mike into her home? Would she risk anything if she didn't? Why or why not?
- What do you think compelled her to invite Mike to go with them?
- Would you invite someone you didn't know very well into your home? Why or why not?
- Why are we hesitant about using our time, energy, and resources on strangers? Would those not be better used on our own families? Why or why not?

✔ Hospitality

Read Matthew 10:40-42 and watch the *Bible Background Video* for this session.

- Why do you think hospitality was such an important theme in Biblical times?
- Do you think hospitality is as important today?
- How do you think our county would rate on hospitality towards strangers? Explain.
- Have you ever needed help from a stranger? Explain.
- What would it be like to completely rely on the hospitality of others?
- Jesus is talking about receiving prophets, and giving something cold to drink, but what does modern day hospitality look like? What does hospitality look like in the church?

✔ Church

Show the "Starbucks" clip.

- This is an obvious parable for the church. Were any parts of this video humorous or offensive to you? What did you think of the way church was displayed? What practices of the church seemed anti-hospitable in this video?
- Do you think your church is very hospitable to guests who visit? Why or why not?
- Should a church focus on its guests or on its members? Why?
- What in your church is designed specifically to help guests feel welcome and accepted rather than for its members?
- How did you feel the very first time you walked into your youth group? Did you feel welcomed and accepted? Why or why not?
- How do you think your youth group does when it comes to welcoming and serving others? What can you change about your youth group in order to be more welcoming to others?

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