

SESSION 3 | Supernatural Love in Ordinary Hospitality Caleb Collins

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ *For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—* ¹² *that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.*

Romans 1:8-12

I. INTRODUCTION

Generous, sacrificial love in divine community

Galatians 4

Matthew 7:7-11 / Luke 11:9-13

Job and the generosity of God

Ephesians 1 / Ephesians 2

Putting our finger on the pulse of community:

Biblical Community is...

our corporate identity in Christ expressed through supernatural love, that makes much of Jesus

II. COMMUNITY ON THE ONE-ON-ONE LEVEL

A. Missional / attractional community over attractional events

B. Sacrificial Community

Biblical Wisdom and Strategic generosity

Mark 8:34-38

C. Missional Community

Discipleship and the mission of the Church (Mt.28)

The "one another's" of Scripture

Love one another's deeply and sacrificially (Rom. 12:13-16)

Assemble regularly with one another (Heb. 10:25)

Encourage one another (Heb. 10:24)

Guard one another (Heb. 3:12-13)

John 15:1-2. The pruning work of God through discipleship

D. Hospitality: where supernatural love

1 Timothy 3

Eagerly inviting vs reluctantly waiting (Rom 1)

The gospel as pictured in hospitality.

“Radically ordinary hospitality is this: using your Christian home in a daily way that seeks to make strangers neighbors, and neighbors family of God...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 spiritually good to everyone we know.”

Rosaria Butterfield, *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

E. Questions: practicals on the practicals

III. HOMEWORK

Given that Scripture speaks so often to the gospel being applied in the “one another’s” of church, what are ways you can broaden your perspective of Scripture devotion to include communal application?

Compare and contrast radically ordinary hospitality with expectations and privileges that are commonly preached by the culture. Why is it important that church community be built upon informal, ordinary hospitality over program if approaches to community?