

Hospitality vs. Fellowship

“¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” (Hebrews 13:1-3 NIV)

- **Stranger:** A person who is new to a particular locality, from another region, town, etc.
(Example: New visitors on Wednesday or Sunday or a new student at your school)
- **Hospitality:** Loving strangers or enemies as if they were your own siblings (Biblically Speaking)
- **Fellowship:** A feeling of friendship between people who do things together or share an interest.

We are very good at doing **Fellowship** with our family, friends, church youth group, & people we would like to hang out with. How are we doing for **showing hospitality to strangers** or **enemies**?

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor[Ⓜ] and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, **love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 25:35-36 & 40 (NIV).

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, **‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**

Stranger = Enemy = Jesus

Who are the strangers that God has placed in your life today that you need to show hospitality to?

Would you consider showing hospitality to a stranger even though you do not feel comfortable doing it?

Remember, you were once a stranger to Jesus.

Imagine, you could experience Jesus...