

the Venues

Go Deep

Open Your Door, Open Your Heart

7.23.17

*When have you experienced really bad customer service? Really good?
When have you experienced a really rude customer?*

1. Hospitality and Hospitals?

What's the connection between the two?

How does hospitality bring healing to a person?

When have you ever been snubbed? Not invited to a party?

2. Hospitality? What's the big deal?

Why is hospitality considered an important Christian value?

What act do people usually associate with the punishment of Sodom?

Read Genesis 19:1-8

What does vs 4 say about the men of the city? How many were there?

How does that help us understand the situation?

Read Ezekiel 16:49-50 and Amos 4:1-11.

What do these writers indicate the sin of Sodom to be?

What do these passages tell us about the importance of hospitality?

Read the following verses and write down and discuss everything communicated about hospitality.

Luke 14:12-14; Matthew 25:35; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:1-2; Isaiah 55:1

The Greek word for "hospitality" is "philo-xenia" Love of strangers.

What does that meaning tell us about the practice of hospitality?

Read Acts 2:5-13

How many different nationalities are listed?

How did people with such different backgrounds get along?

Read Acts 2:43-47

3. Hospitality: Ok, what's the how of hospitality?

Connect with the God in you. *How do you put to practice Step 11 of the AA program? "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with god as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."*

Consider other as the same as you. Maya Angelou says, "We are more alike

than we are unlike.”

Do you agree? Disagree? What point is she trying to make?

Put yourself in their shoes. *How does Matthew 7:12 help with that action?*

“Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ” St. Benedictus (480-543).
How would you receive Christ if he came to your home? If you met him for drinks or lunch?

What will you do this week to practice hospitality?