

HOME STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 3: HOME IN THE HANDS OF A LOVING GOD

Primary Passage: Romans 15:1-7

Related Passages: Leviticus 19:33-34, Romans 12:13, 1 Peter 4:8-9, Hebrews 13:1-16

“God is the first object of our love: Its next office is, to bear the defects of others. And we should begin the practice of this amidst our own household.”

- John Wesley

LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE:

Recap: Have someone recap the highlights from the sermon.

Read Romans 15:1-3. Paul describes Christian strength as laying down our desire to please ourselves and looking for ways to love and build with those who need help.

- In what ways are you most prone to believing your home, LifeGroup and relationships exist to please yourself instead of serving others?

Read Romans 15:7 and 1 Peter 4:8-9 and Romans 12:9-13. In the sermon, we talked about the idea that we don't just drift into hospitality and bringing strangers into our homes. What do you see as the biggest obstacles to hospitality? What prevents you from making intentional hospitality a regular part of your life and home?

Read Leviticus 19:33-34 and Ephesians 2:11-13. We were strangers to God but through Jesus we've been brought into His family despite the high cost to Himself. How does the gospel specifically address our resistances to hospitality and empower us for a persevering, lifelong habit of hospitality?

- What are the names you wrote down? When are you planning to be hospitable toward them? How can we help? (For the record, our hope is that this is becoming an every-week “Review the mission” discussion.)

Pray for the people we wrote down to get welcomed into God's family. Pray for the plans we've made to be empowered with Holy Spirit insight and opportunities. Pray for non-awkward courage to be ourselves and to warmly invite people in.