

Team Member Session #2
Culture of Hospitality
Facilitator's Guide



Connect

Spend time allowing team members to connect with one another relationally



Celebrate

Ask how they've seen God working in their area of ministry since you met last



Coach

Facilitate discussion using the guide below

Competency: Learn how to demonstrate hospitality in your role at Calvary.

Read: John 13:1-35

Reflection Questions

- In verses 12-17 Jesus explains why He washed His disciples' feet. What is He trying to teach them, and what did He want them to do going forward?
The practice of foot washing was originally an act of hospitality in Palestinian homes, performed for guests by a servant or the wife of the host. Due to the climate in the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, it was common for people to wear sandals or go bare-foot while doing their daily activities. Hence, the feet were constantly exposed to dirt, trash, animal waste and became dirty easily. Foot-washing, like eating and sleeping, became an essential daily activity that one could not do without.
- Jesus knew that Judas was going to be the one to betray Him. Judas betrayed Jesus with clean feet. What can we learn from Jesus's example?
Jesus showed great love, patience and compassion toward Judas. Jesus was willing to serve the person He knew was going to hurt Him. There will be times when each of us do not desire to demonstrate acts of hospitality towards someone. This is when we need to remember and follow Jesus' example the most.
- What does Jesus instruct of those who follow Him in verses 34-35? What is the outcome of following Jesus's commandment?
Jesus instructs His disciples to love each other in a way that puts their needs before their own. Showing love and hospitality to someone who has hurt you, or will not give you anything in return is difficult.

The outcome of following Jesus' example is that people outside your community notice. They notice because this is not how most people live. This gives them an opportunity to see the character of Jesus through the actions of His people.
- Has there been a time in your life where you have experienced Jesus's love by the actions of other people? What impact did it have on your faith?
- As you reflect on the passages, what could/does it look like for you to love God and love others in your personal life?

Reflection Questions:

- Was your experience of Calvary's hospitality influential to you attending regularly? Why or why not?
- Why are the 10 minutes before and after important?
- What does it look like to be approachable? What verbal/non-verbal cues make others approachable to you?
- Which core behavior comes naturally to you? Why?
- Which core behavior is a struggle for you? What steps can you take to improve?



Communicate

Share important information with your team



Care

Spend time praying as a team. You may want to write down specific requests.
