

DEEP



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SERMON NOTES



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Deep & Wide
Hospitality
Luke 19:1–10

Deep & Wide Recap:

- Jesus modeled the rhythm of the Christian life—deep and wide.
- Vintage Church will grow deep by focusing on who we are becoming in Jesus and we will grow wide by focusing on who we are inviting into Jesus.
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We can go wide when we welcome and receive others as Jesus has welcomed and received us.

Luke 19:1–10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. **4** So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. **5** And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” **6** So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. **7** And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” **8** And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” **9** And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Be opportunistic – vv. 4–5

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 - How was Zacchaeus opportunistic?
 - He ran
 - He climbed a tree
- How can we be opportunistic?
 - Always be ready to be hospitable
 - Always be on the look for opportunities to be hospitable

Be urgent – v. 6a

- “So he hurried”
- What’s hindering you from being urgent?

Be intentional – v. 6b

- “and came down and received him”
- How can you be intentional in your hospitality?
 - Hospitality won’t happen by accident; plan for it!

Be joyful – v. 6c

- “and received him joyfully”
 - “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 8:7).
- Are you joyful to welcome people into your home and life?

Be Inclusive – v. 7

- “And when they saw it, they all grumbled, ‘He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.’”
- “So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34).
 - Our hospitality should not be limited by race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, socio-economic status, marital status, occupation, political party, or anything else.
 - If the Kingdom of God is open to everyone, our homes should be open to everyone.

Be Generous – vv. 8–10

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- Generosity isn’t just about your money; it’s about everything you “own.”
 - What are you willing to give away for the sake of others?

How do we cultivate the habit of hospitality?

- Regularly reflect on the gospel and remind yourself of how Jesus is hospitable to you
- Be open-handed with your home, possessions, time, and energy
- Be intentional to meet your neighbors, co-workers, and anyone God has put in your path
- Develop and implement a plan to regularly open your home to others
- Not only open your home to others, but open your life to others.

Jesus was opportunistic, urgent, intentional, joyful, inclusive, and generous.

Just as Jesus welcomed and received Zacchaeus, he has welcomed and received us.

The gospel is both our model and motivation for our hospitality.