

Ethical issues – hospitality

What the word of God says about hospitality.

... “loving strangers”

Hospitality in the OT

... aliens and strangers in the land

Good examples

1 Kings 17 ... widow of Zarephath

2 King 4 - Shunammite lady and her husband

Hospitality limited

eg: King Solomon

= Openness with boundaries

Hospitality in the NT

Jesus is the guest of people

... Hospitality is commanded

- Romans 12:13
- 1 Peter 4:9
- Hebrews 13:2
- Mat 25

...Evangelism

Zacchaeus, Philippian gaoler

... Openness with boundaries

- 2 John 9-11
- 1 Cor 5:11
- 2 John 5-10
- Romans 12:20

For us today

1) Showing Hospitality

Question: What are ways we can use hospitality better

Hurdles to hospitality

- business and weariness
- difficult to find common points of connection with other people
- The fear of vulnerability or rejection

The Christian and Hospitality

- **Difficult to penetrate surface level conversations...**
- **Impersonal & self focussed world**
- **Our community can be very transitory in nature.**

2014 challenge

- **To grow more hospitable and use our hospitality in ways that glorify God**