



Hospitality and Community: Part 3

American Community:

*The Church's
Opportunity*

Heavenly Father, You have brought us all together as one people in one place. We have made the space where we meet comfortable for ourselves. Help us to see our church meeting place a home...

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In which we invite others to commune with You and with us. Show us the gifts You wish us to share with others so that Your Spirit can freely work in their lives and in ours. Because of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.





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The best witness Christians can offer to post-Christian America is simply to be the church, as fiercely and creatively a minority as we can manage.

—Rod Dreher

A church that looks and talks and sounds just like the world has no reason to exist.

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For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

—Hebrews 4:12





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The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; His love endures forever."

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Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.

—2 Chronicles 5:13-14



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The practice of hospitality is a unique vehicle through which the gifts of the Spirit can be exercised.





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*Anyone who welcomes you
welcomes me, and anyone who
welcomes me welcomes the one
who sent me. Whoever welcomes
a prophet as a prophet will
receive a prophet's reward, and
whoever welcomes a righteous
person...*

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*as a righteous person will receive
a righteous person's reward. And
if anyone gives even a cup of cold
water to one of these little ones
who is my disciple, truly I tell
you, that person will certainly
not lose their reward.*

—Matthew 10:40-42



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*"Sing, barren woman,
you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy,
you who were never in labor;
because more are the
children of the desolate woman
than of her who has a
husband," says the Lord...*

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"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."

—Isaiah 54:1-2

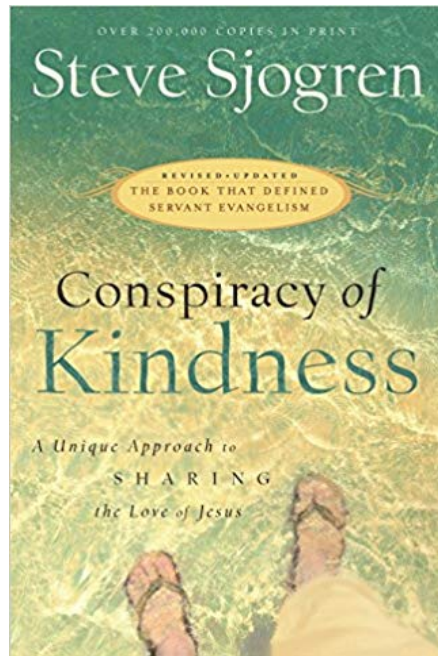




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Other ideas for
inviting guests?