



# WHO'S IN OUR SEATS?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Rolling Out the Red Carpet**  
**August 10, 2025**

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### **Read James 2:2-4**

Why do we gather? When we do gather, who should we show special attention to? Ted shared a circle that shows the journey people take in their level of commitment to a church body. What is the next step that you need to take on your journey from the outer circle, the community, to the center or the core of the church?

### **Read Luke 14:12-14**

“Biblical hospitality goes far deeper than merely entertaining your friends and family. In the bible, hospitality is proactively seeking to welcome the marginalized.” Timothy Keller

How do we show Biblical Hospitality? How is it different from regular hospitality?  
Whose standard should we follow? The world or Jesus? How do we live this out and show hospitality to the least of these, the marginalized? Who are they?

### **Read Luke 15:2**

How do you get past worrying about what people will think if you hang out with sinners? How do you genuinely engage with the people you are serving so that you make a genuine connection?

It's no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they both lead to the same result: Healing. When you open your door to someone you are sending the message: “You matter to me and to God.” You may think you are saying, “Come over for a visit.” But what your guest hears is, “I am worth the effort.” Max Lucado

The needs of our church are vast. The needs in our town are vast. We don't just want to serve people; we want to be hospitable. Please take a few minutes and discuss in your group how you can be hospitable and make others truly feel welcome to our church, to your home, to your job, to your town, etc.