

# Glory in the Highest

## Day One & Two Christmas Hospitality

READ Luke 10:38-42.

Do you relate more to Mary or Martha? In what ways could Martha have adjusted her attitude to worship Jesus through her service?

What's your attitude like when you invite others into your home?

What's your attitude like when others are actually in your home?



If God dropped in for Christmas at your place,  
would you have enough space for Him?

IN YOUR HOUSE? *Do you have an extra seat to be hospitable?*

*Would you feel comfortable having someone walk into your house right now?*

IN YOUR SCHEDULE? *Do you have an open/available evening?*

*Open mealtime during the weekend? Is your schedule full of activities and commitments? What kind of commitments are vital to you?*

*Which can you do without?*

IN YOUR BUDGET? *Are you using all of YOUR EDGE?*

*Do you have some room in your budget from which to entertain?*

IN YOUR EMOTIONS AND ENERGY? *Do you always feel stressed out?*

*Does your job or family take all your energy? What drains you?*

*What energizes you?*

PRAY for God to show you how you can make space

 *financially, relationally, and emotionally* 

for those whom pass through your life.

## Day Three Uninvited Guests

READ Genesis 18:1-15.

How did Abraham react to the three unexpected visitors that day?

Did you notice what time of the day it was? How do you think you'd have reacted to uninvited guests in the *heat of the day* or any other inconvenient time? Abraham served the Lord just as Martha did, but how did his attitude differ? Imagine being one of the characters in the story. What are you thinking about? How do you feel as you're preparing this meal?

As we can see from Sarah's reaction, God knows what's in our hearts. Although we may sometimes try to deflect the truth, God always brings us back to it.

PRAY for God to show you truth today.

## Day Four The Mystery of Hospitality

READ Psalm 95.

God is pleased to receive our hospitality. After all, He's a relational God.

How's hospitality a form of worship? How can we prepare our hearts thereby creating a hospitable environment for God to show up?

In our homes and households, what steps can we take to create a hospitable environment and invite God in? As we invite God in, He reveals Himself to us. Knowing God becomes loving God, and being known by God is being loved by God.

PRAY for the revelation of God as He truly is.

## Day Five Uncalled for Generosity

READ Genesis 18:16-33.

At the end of the Lord's visit (*day three*), Abraham humbly, but boldly, asks for lives to be spared. The Lord is generous to spare the righteous with the wicked. Abraham continues to push boldly in order to spare more lives.

Do you seek God with humility and boldness to spare the lives of those around you? Do you actively take steps to be hospitable to those who are single? Elderly? Divorced? Widowed? Newlyweds? Sick? Disadvantaged? Without family? From other nations?

How can showing hospitality to the lonely be an act of uncalled-for generous worship of God? How can you have an *Abraham heart* as you serve others?

PRAY for . . .

- + *opportunities to serve those in need during this Christmas season.*
- + *ways to build those relationships as an act of worship to a generous God.*
- + *an Abraham heart.*

