

The Power of Hospitality

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The book of Daniel speaks of the coming of “*the Son of Man*” – Jesus claimed this 3x

The first 2 tell us _____:

- 1) The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve (Mark 10:45);
- 2) The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10);

The last one tells us _____:

- 3) The Son of Man has come eating and drinking (Luke 7:34).

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “**Follow me,**” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?”

Jesus answered them, “**It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**” Luke 5:27-32

Hospitality has Kingdom power

But it’s not the same as “*Entertaining*”

4 Ways they are Different:

1. Entertainment _____. Hospitality _____.

This distinction is one of **orientation**.

It answers the question: “*Who is the center of attention?*”

2. Entertainment _____. Hospitality _____.

This distinction is one of **aspiration**:

It answers the question: “*What is my purpose?*”

3. Entertainment _____. Hospitality _____.

This distinction is one of **communion**.

It answers the question: “*How is intimacy being fostered?*”

4. Entertainment _____. Hospitality _____.

This distinction is one of **inclusion**.

Answers the question “*Who, right now, is in need of Jesus’ love?*”