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BEING HOSPITABLE

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Matthew 25:31-46

³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Matthew 25:31-46

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

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**37 “Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you
something to drink? 38 When did we see
you a stranger and invite you in, or
needing clothes and clothe you?’**

Matthew 25:31-46

³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left,

Matthew 25:31-46

‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in,

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I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

Matthew 25:31-46

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Matthew 25:31-46

What is biblical hospitality?

- A) Satisfying hunger with food
- B) Quenching thirst with water
- C) Welcoming the stranger with an invitation
- D) Covering the unclothed
- E) Caring for the sick and the imprisoned

1) HOSPITALITY IS EXPERIENCED

(vs. 35-36 & 42-43)

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Matthew 25:42-43

**If you are in Christ, you were
once a stranger, once a
foreigner, once far from God**

12 Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12-13

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:12-13

**Those who were brought up
in a Christian home can have
the illusion of never feeling
estranged from Christ**

“Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.”

Exodus 23:9

2) HOSPITALITY IS EXPECTED

(vs. 40 & 45)

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Matthew 25:40

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Matthew 25:45

**God is the recipient of our
hospitality while people are
the beneficiaries of our
hospitality**

23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, **24** since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

**We have mistakenly seen
hospitality as fellowship
(Christian to Christian) when it
is actually about foreigners
(Christian to non-Christian)**

**Hospitality is not about
making friends, it's about
making family**

**Raise the bar so high that
you demonstrate the same
level of hospitality toward
people that you would extend
towards Jesus**

3) HOSPITALITY IS EVALUATED

(vs. 31-34 & 41)

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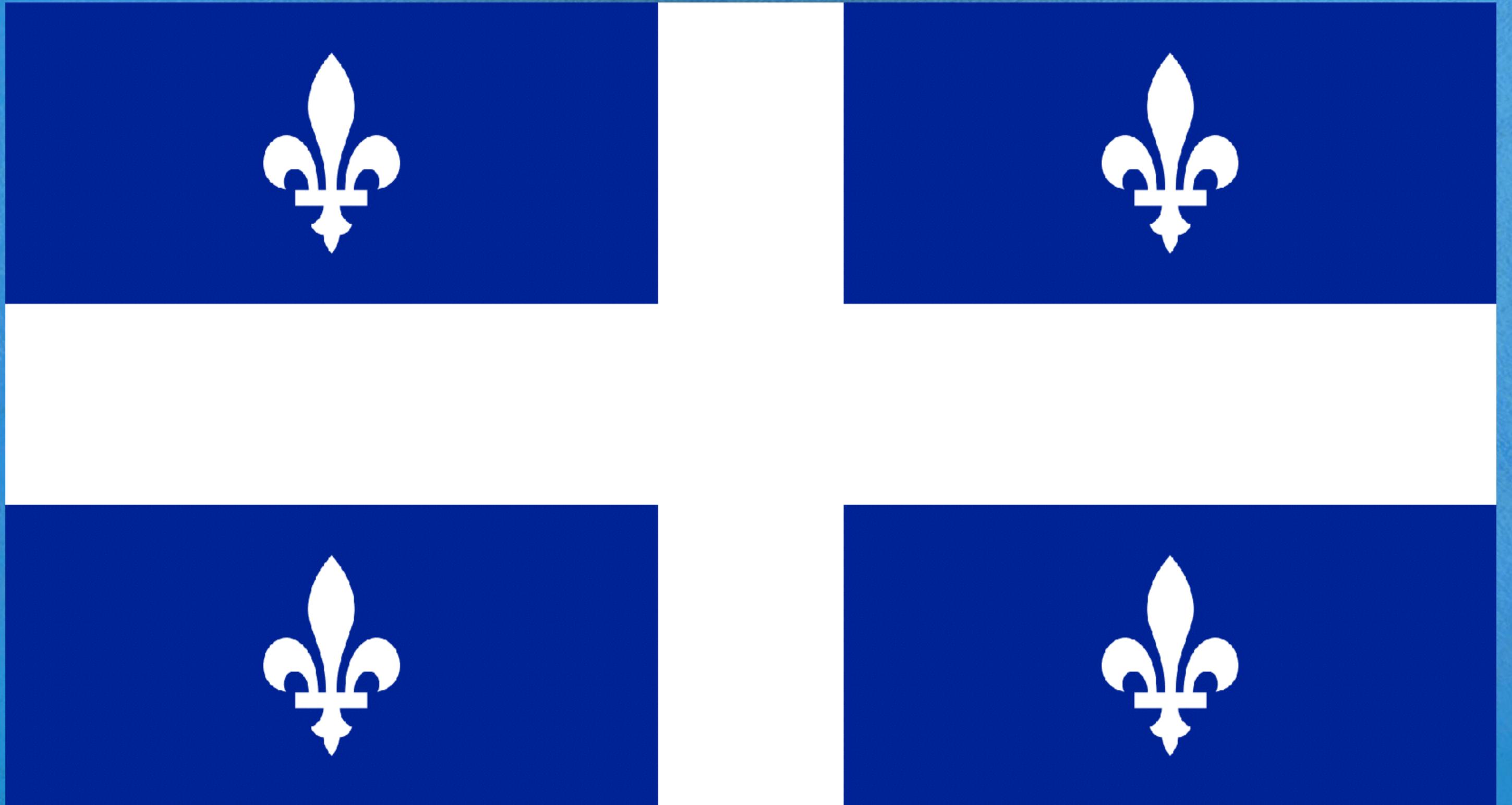
Matthew 25:41

**Some of those who thought
they were eternally secure
discovered that they are
eternally insecure**

**Will you be counted among
the sheep or counted among
the goats?**

**It is not adequate enough to
claim to be a Christian, you
must behave as a Christian,
otherwise, when it comes to
eternity, you will be treated as
a non-Christian**

**We cannot enjoy the perks
and live whatever way we
want. As a just King, Jesus
will evaluate the fruit of our
salvation.**



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14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

John 17:14-16

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

John 17:14-18

Biblical hospitality is the most radical and untapped strategy for gospel witness that advances the Kingdom

**Who are the least of these in
your life that only you can
reach? You might be the only
representation of Christ that
they may ever know.**

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