

# 5-Day Devo

for Individuals and Groups

based on

The Power of Hospitality from the One Another series

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# **Day 1 | The Call to Biblical Community**

**Devotional** In a world increasingly marked by isolation, God's design for human connection becomes more vital than ever. True biblical community isn't just about casual friendships or Sunday morning greetings; it's about creating deep, meaningful connections that reflect God's love. When we commit ourselves to a community of believers, something transformative happens. We find support, encouragement, and people who will walk alongside us through life's challenges and celebrations.

**Bible Verse** "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." –Romans 12:10

**Reflection Question** What is holding you back from fully committing to and engaging with your church community?

Point to Ponder When you commit to a group of people, that group will commit to you.

**Prayer** "Lord, help me overcome my hesitations about diving into deep community. Give me courage to be vulnerable and wisdom to build meaningful connections with others. Amen."

### Day 2 | Hospitality: A Divine Weapon

**Devotional** Hospitality in the Bible was never meant to revolve around hosting dinner parties or keeping a spotless home. It was, and still is, a powerful spiritual weapon that can transform lives and communities. When we open our homes and hearts to others, regardless of how messy either environment is, we create sacred spaces where God's love becomes accessible to others. This radical welcome mirrors Christ's own invitation to us and has the power to break down the barriers that have kept us separated and build bridges of understanding, compassion, and grace.

Bible Verse "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." -Romans 12:13

**Reflection Question** How might God be calling you to use your home—with all its imperfections and messes—as a ministry tool this week?

**Point to Ponder** Hospitality is a sharp spiritual weapon that God can use in your hands to break through darkness and capture souls for him.

**Prayer** "Father, help me see my home as the mission field that it is. Show me how to use what you've given me to demonstrate your love to others. Amen."

### Day 3 | Meeting Needs, Showing Love

**Devotional** God's love becomes visible through practical acts of service. When we open our eyes to the needs around us, we'll find countless opportunities to demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways. Whether it's providing a meal, offering a listening ear or an encouraging word, or helping with a practical task, these simple acts of kindness can profoundly impact someone's life and, in turn, their view of God's love.

Bible Verse "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'" -Luke 10:5

**Reflection Question** What practical need could you meet today for someone within your immediate sphere of influence?

Point to Ponder Within forty feet of where you sit is a person who has a practical need you can meet.

**Prayer** "Jesus, give me your eyes to see the needs around me and your heart to respond with compassion. Help me to be a carrier of your provision today. Amen."

# Day 4 | The Case for Authentic Faith

**Devotional** Following Jesus isn't about religious routines or maintaining appearances. It's about authentic faith that manifests in practical love and care for others. When we wholeheartedly follow Jesus, our lives naturally overflow with his compassion, leading us to care for the sick, help the poor, and welcome the stranger. This genuine expression of faith has the power to impact lives today, just as it did during the days of the early church.

**Bible Verse** "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." –Luke 10:2

**Reflection Question** In what ways can your daily actions better reflect your commitment to following Jesus?

Point to Ponder We can't follow Jesus without loving the people he came to redeem.

**Prayer** "Lord, help my faith be more than words. Let my life authentically demonstrate your love and transform those around me. Amen."

### Day 5 | A Place at His Table

**Devotional** Before we can effectively show hospitality to others, we must first understand and accept the profound hospitality God extends to us. He has prepared a place for each of us at his table, offering unconditional welcome and acceptance. This divine hospitality becomes our model and motivation for extending the same welcome to others. When we grasp the depth of God's welcome to us, we're empowered to create spaces where others can experience that same acceptance.

Bible Verse "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -Romans 12:12

**Reflection Question** How has experiencing God's warm acceptance of you changed how you view and welcome others?

Point to Ponder Before Jesus ever asked us to show hospitality to somebody else, he showed it to us.

**Prayer** "Heavenly Father, thank you for welcoming me to your table. Help me extend that same gracious welcome to others. Amen."