

Side *by* Side

A quarterly newsletter for leaders



Four Reasons Why This Issue Is for You

- Learn more about a brand-new Bible study from *Revive Our Hearts*!
- Discover why an unfriendly church is opposed to the gospel.
- Have hospitality hangups? Get fresh ideas from other leaders.
- Hospitality has left the building! Hear how one leader welcomes others at the gym.

Welcome Others with the Hospitable Heart of Christ



Welcoming. Warm. Friendly. Safe. Aren't those the words you want people to use after they've spent time in your church or ministry? You want women to feel seen and loved—you want the new woman visiting for the first time to walk away saying, "This is a church that feels like home." Why? Because an unfriendly church is antithetical to the heart of the gospel. In [this article](#) you'll discover what it means to welcome others as

Christ welcomed you so you can put His hospitable heart on display to those you serve.

New Bible Study from *Revive Our Hearts* and a Free Download for You!



You could practice hospitality to impress your neighbors, hone your hostess skills, or spend time with others without breaking out of your comfort zone, but none of those reasons get to the heart of hospitality. ***You're Welcome Here: Embracing the Heart of Hospitality***, a new Bible study from *Revive Our Hearts*, uncovers what God's Word has to say about this important topic. Print out [this excerpt](#) from *You're Welcome Here* and explore ten biblical reasons why hospitality matters.

Hospitality is an assignment given to *all* of God's children. Help the women you serve dig deep into Scripture and learn to cultivate a hospitable heart with *You're Welcome Here*. You'll receive a **40% discount** when you purchase five or more copies of this study. Use code **LEADERWELCOME** at [checkout in the ROH store](#).

Overcome Your Hospitality Hang-Ups



It can be tempting to believe hospitality is for a special kind of woman, *and you may feel like you don't fit that mold*. But the true heart of hospitality is not about you, your gifting, your personality, your home, or your ability to whip up memorable meals. **At its core, hospitality is about the gospel.**

To help you overcome common hangups, we've gathered hospitality tips from friends in the [Revive Our Hearts Ministry Leader Facebook group](#). We pray the tips in [this article](#) will help you extend hospitality in the unique ways that only you can!

Profile of a Leader on Mission



As a ministry leader or pastor's wife, you have natural opportunities to host people as part of your regular responsibilities. You may be in the habit of welcoming women from church into your home for dinners or small group studies, but do you struggle to extend hospitality to those who do not know Jesus? In [this interview](#), Jill Miller shares practical ways you can begin building relationships with those in your community.

Deepen Your Hospitality Outreach with the ROH Leader Connection



As the Lord continues to expand your heart for hospitality, don't forget that the *Revive Our Hearts Leader Connection* site is filled with free resources to equip you to serve Him well within your specific context. You'll find podcast episodes, printables, e-books, and more created just for leaders. Here are three articles to get you started:

- ["Hospitality for the Introverted Pastor's Wife"](#)
- ["Special Needs Hospitality: Learning to Go the Extra Mile"](#)
- ["How to Not Hurt the Singles in Your Church"](#)

For Those Who Love a Prodigal



If you've experienced the heartbreak of a loved one walking away from his or her faith, you know how important it is to walk through the ups and downs of that season with sisters in Christ close by. Extend hospitality to the women in your church by inviting them to join you for *Revive Our Hearts'* new online event series: [Biblical Help for Real Life](#).

The first event, "[When You Love a Prodigal](#)," will feature teaching from Mary Kassian and an interview with educator and mental health professional Dr. Joannie Debritto as well as testimonies from Dr. Christopher Yuan and his mother, Angela. Who is the Lord bringing to mind that would benefit from this hope-filled equipping event? Encourage her to [register today](#) and to join you on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

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