

# Radical Hospitality

Lesson 6



## *Gifts Meant to Be Given*



### *Focus Text*

*From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. **Ephesians 4:16.***



### *Target Objective*

In lesson 6, you will discover how using your spiritual gifts with a heart of hospitality creates real opportunities to reflect God's love and bring lasting impact to those around you. The spiritual gifts are meant to strengthen the body of Christ and advance His kingdom. These gifts are a powerful extension of radical hospitality, equipping us to serve, encourage, and build others up through the power and leading of the Holy Spirit.



# Lesson 6 Growth Work

## Group Discussion:

Reflect on the way you have viewed spiritual gifts in the past.

- Have you always viewed the working of the Spirit in terms of blessing and serving others?
- How can that perspective shape and guide you in the future?
- How does radical hospitality change the way you serve in church ministry roles?

Reflect on how this study has shaped your view of hospitality in Scripture.

- During the study, have you found yourself recognizing the needs of others more keenly? If so, how have you felt when you were able to respond to those needs you recognized?

## Personal Practice:

- **Earnestly Desire Spiritual Gifts:** As Paul encourages in I Corinthians 12:31, spend time this week praying for God to reveal and activate spiritual gifts through you. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal opportunities to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. Pray that God would use you as a vessel of encouragement, healing, or wisdom.
- **Reflect and Recommit:** Look back on your journey through this study. How has your understanding of radical hospitality grown? Try to come up with two specific commitments you can make to practice and grow in hospitality. Share those commitments with a fellow student in the group or someone close to you who can help hold you accountable.
- **Connect the Physical and Spiritual:** As a final challenge, plan an evening of radical hospitality. Pray that God would lay a family or individual on your heart. Invite them to your home or out to eat. Find a way to go above and beyond with a really nice meal or a gift of some sort. Make sure to make room for spiritual blessing and service, praying with them and encouraging them.

**NOTE:** *This may seem awkward (or radical) at first. One way to disarm someone from an awkward situation is to acknowledge the uniqueness of the moment. You might say something like, "I know we don't do this often, but I really just wanted to bless you. I have been praying that God would help me to serve people much deeper than what is normal."*