

# Radical Hospitality

## Lesson 2



## *The Heart of Jesus*



### *Focus Text*

**28** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. **Matthew 11:28–29.**



### *Target Objective*

In lesson 2, we will examine how Jesus' life and teaching reveal a heart of radical hospitality, demonstrating God's plan for all. As believers and followers of Jesus, we are all called to care for, welcome, and comfort the marginalized, weary, and broken.



## Lesson 2 Growth Work

### Group Discussion:

Reflect on a time when you felt weary or burdened. Maybe you have been the “traveler on the road” and beaten up by life.

- Did someone come along and offer rest, figuratively “dressing your wounds” and providing care?
- If you are willing, consider sharing how someone’s radical hospitality affected you.

Read aloud Matthew 25:31–40.

- What are the physical needs that Jesus mentions meeting?
- What are practical ways that you could meet some of those needs?
- Do you look for opportunities to show hospitality to the “least of these”?

In a later lesson, we are going to discuss the way we serve and love others in spiritual ways, but we should not ignore the real physical needs mentioned and met in Scripture.

- Do you find yourself ignoring physical needs and only emphasizing spiritual ones?
- How might meeting someone’s physical needs open the door to spiritual matters?

### Personal Practice:

- **Identify the Weary.** This week, pray that God would help you to notice someone in your life who appears burdened or weary. When you find them, pray that God would help you to serve them with radical hospitality. Offer a word of encouragement, a listening ear, or an act of kindness.
- **Practical Hospitality.** Extend an invitation for a meal or coffee to someone you’ve been distant from, using it as an opportunity to model the gentle and lowly heart of Jesus.
- **Scripture Meditation.** Memorize Matthew 11:28–30. Then make sure to pray each morning that:
  - God would help you see Jesus as gentle and approachable and that His burden is light
  - God would help you embody His invitation of rest and gentleness toward others