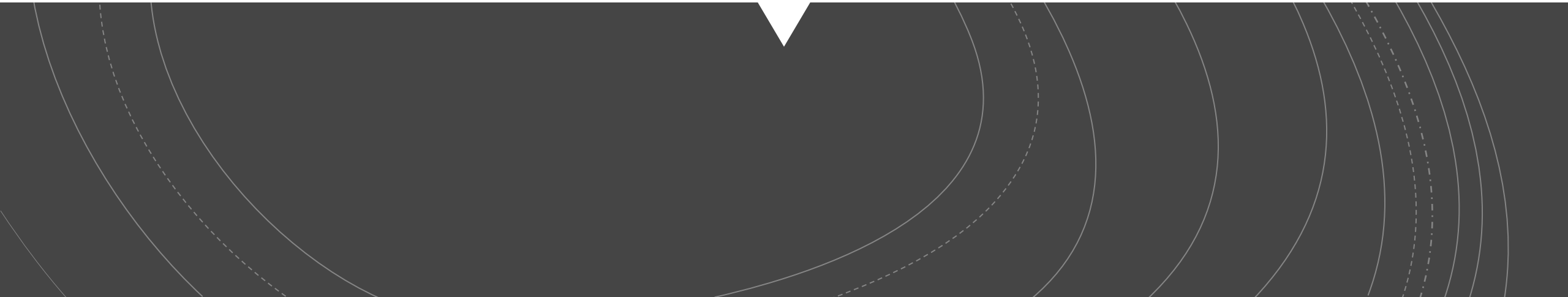




HOSPITALITY

We are to be
hospitable



1 Timothy 3:2

- ² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, skillful in teaching,

Titus 1:7-8

- ⁷ For the overseer must be beyond reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not overindulging in wine, not a bully, not greedy for money, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, righteous, holy, disciplined,

Romans 12:13

- **13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.**

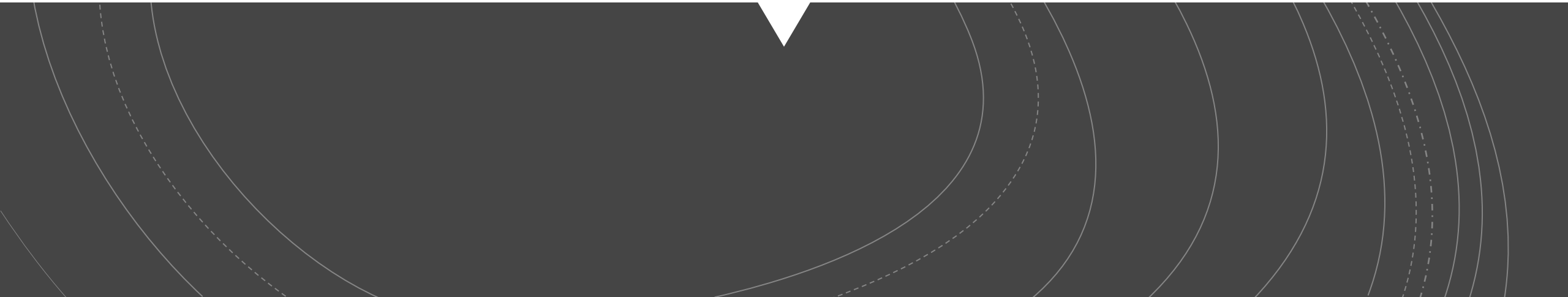
1 Peter 4:7-10

- ⁷ The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

Hebrews 13:2

- ² Do not neglect hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Biblical Examples





Abraham was hospitable to
strangers

Genesis 18:2-8

- ¹ Now the LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. ² When he raised his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed down to the ground, ³ and said, “My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. ⁴ Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and make yourselves comfortable under the tree; ⁵ and I will bring a piece of bread, so that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant.” And they said, “So do as you have said.” ⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead *it*, and make bread cakes.” ⁷ Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave *it* to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set *it* before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate.





Isaiah teaches us to be hospitable
to the poor and needy

Isaiah 58:7

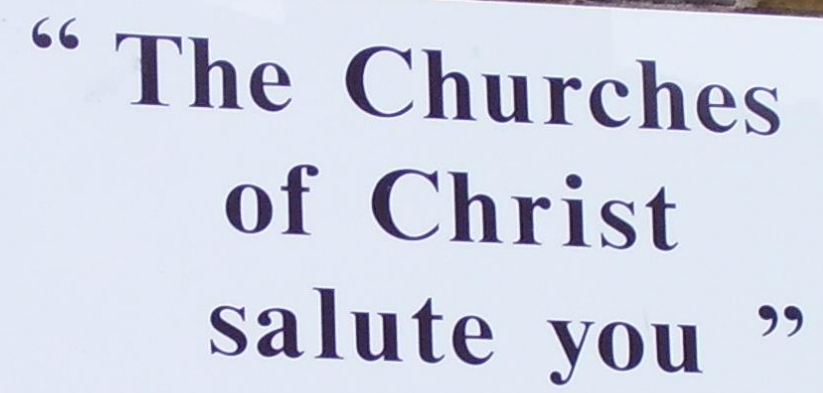
■⁷ Is it not to break your
bread with the hungry
And bring the homeless
poor into the house;
When you see the naked,
to cover him;
And not to hide yourself
from your own flesh?



New Testament Christians teach us to
be hospitable to our Christian family

Acts 2:42-47

■ ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all the believers were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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“ The Churches
of Christ
salute you ”

ROM 16:16







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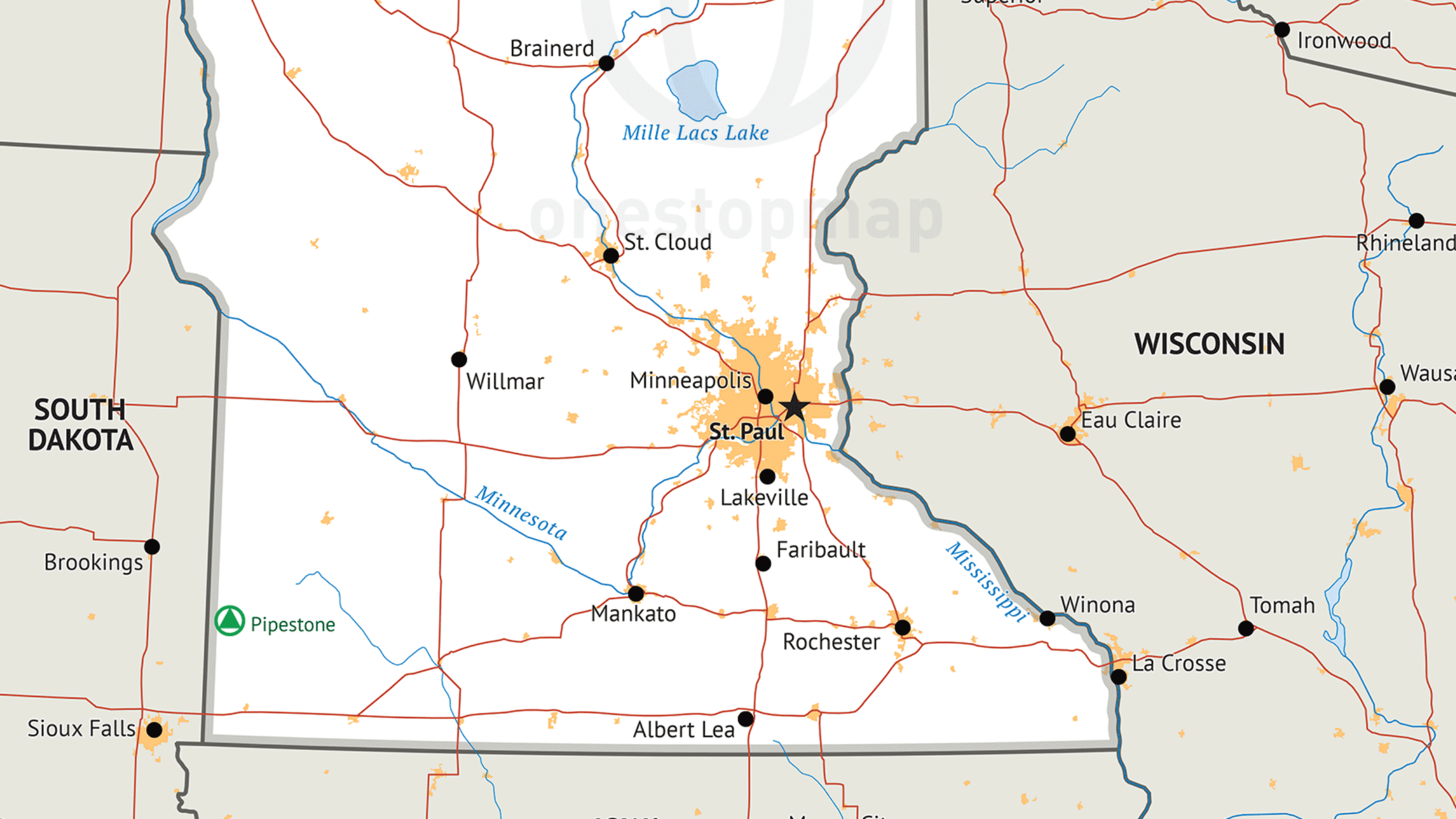


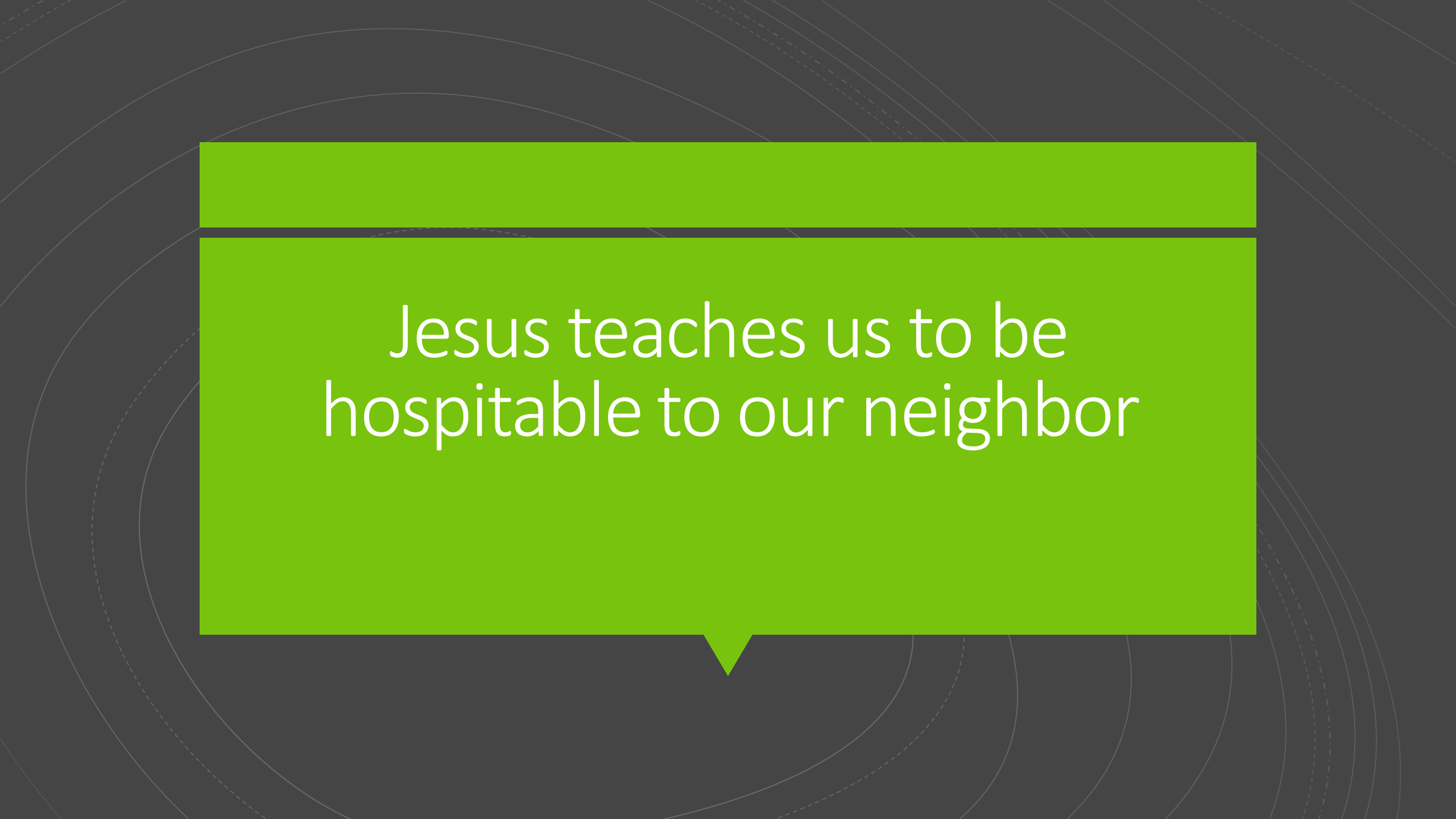


Zaccheus teaches us to be
hospitable to each other

Luke 19:5-6

⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” ⁶ And he hurried and came down, and received Him joyfully.





Jesus teaches us to be
hospitable to our neighbor

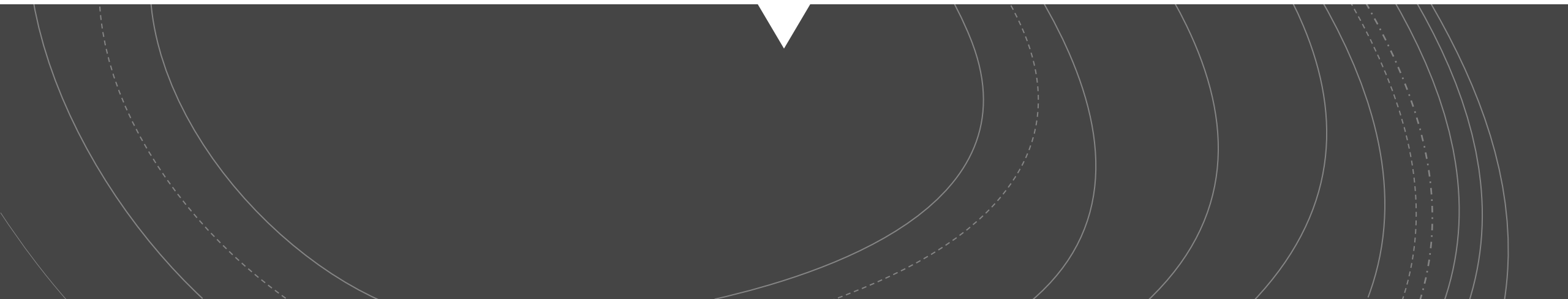
Matthew 10:40-42

- ⁴⁰ “The one who receives you receives Me, and the one who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and the one who receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person shall receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold *water* to drink in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Matthew 25:35-40

■ 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 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' 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 And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did *it* for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did *it* for Me.'

When's the last time
you were hospitable?





Things to think about

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To have hospitality shown to you,
you must be hospitable yourself

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You don't have to have the largest
house and fine china to be hospitable

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Hospitality is more than
having your friends over



▼ Make it a point to
show hospitality to
someone this week.