



**A JOURNEY OF  
RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

stranger love



This journal is a companion for your journey of  
*Radical Hospitality.*

Use it as a place to process, pray and prepare.  
Follow the prompts, or write your own. Doodle,  
highlight, fold down the corners. Tuck it in your  
backpack, bring it with you on Sundays, use it at  
your Flourish Group, or keep it on your nightstand.

The value of these pages is in your words,  
your story.

*What's with the pineapple, you ask?*

It's the international symbol of hospitality and  
welcome. It's a source of sustenance and nutrition.  
With spiky, protective skin and sweet, juicy insides,  
it's both wise and surprising by design. The  
pineapple shares many great characteristics with  
this journey we're on.

And if you can't think of anything to write, there's  
always your thoughts on pineapples + pizza.



# **RADICAL HOSPITALITY**





*“A gracious spirit of welcome, equality, and care can help in efforts to heal racial divisions and previous exclusions. However, such hospitality is more complex than welcoming “those people into our church” or “making room at our table”. In the church, especially, it is not our table to which we welcome people; it is God’s table to which we come as equals.*

*Christine Pohl, Making Room*

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**(Ideas/Questions/Learnings)**

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## WELCOMING THE STRANGER

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## WHY IS IT SO 'RADICAL'?

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WHAT HOLDS US BACK?

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*“Working for people, serving and caring for people, is valuable and necessary work. But as you’ve likely noticed, working for people rarely translates into being with people. All those service projects and volunteer hours – working for people – rarely translate into relationships and friendships.”*

*Richard Beck, Stranger God*

# REFLECTION

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**SOMETHING THAT IS MOVING OR  
INSPIRING TO ME...**

**AN 'AHA MOMENT'**

(Something that I am learning, or know I need to unlearn)

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## FREE THOUGHTS

(A journal entry, a prayer, further reflection)

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# JESUS & HOSPITALITY





## NOTES

**(Ideas/Questions/Learnings)**

*“Kinship— not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not “a man for others”; he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that. Compassion isn't just about feeling the pain of others; it's about bringing them in toward yourself.”*

*Christine Pohl, Making Room*

# THE BIG IDEAS

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## JESUS AS THE STRANGER

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*“The Good Samaritan story is not just an example of compassionate spirituality. It is a critique against religious passivity.”*

*Rich Villodas*

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*“Here is what we seek: a  
compassion that can  
stand in awe at what the  
poor have to carry rather  
than stand in judgement  
of how they carry it.”*

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*Gregory Boyle,  
Tattoos on the Heart*

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**WITH'NESS**



# NOTES

(Ideas/Questions/Learnings)

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*“We need to dispel the myth that empathy is walking in someone else’s shoes ... Rather than walking in your shoes, I need to learn how to listen to the story you tell about what it’s like in your shoes and believe you when it doesn’t match my experiences.”*

*Greg Boyle, Tattoos on the Heart*

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## UNLEARNING

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PROXIMITY AS THE SOLUTION

*“Hospitality doesn’t shove unpresentable people into the corner. Hospitality welcomes them onto the stage and into the spotlight ... This rehabilitative honoring – giving honor, care and attention to people who don’t usually get our honor, care and attention – allows the church to show equal concern for everyone.”*

*Richard Beck,  
Stranger God*

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**PRACTICE  
THE WAY**



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*‘When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.*

***Leviticus 19:33-34***

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## WHO IS MY STRANGER?

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WHAT DOES A FLOURISHING  
COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE?

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*“Practitioners of hospitality point us toward what is possible and then beyond it; they often minister in the midst of great need, knowing that they cannot do it all, but doing something. They help us see what can be done. Sometimes small acts of hospitality are offered in the midst of enormous and unrelenting need. To survive in such settings we must recognize the value of each person and acknowledge that God is already at work in their lives. Although small expressions of care do not relieve vast socioeconomic desperation or widespread disease, when we share our lives with people and stand with them, we find a freedom to work and to sustain ministry without necessarily seeing great solutions.”*

*Christine Pohl,  
Making Room*

# REFLECTION

**AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS JOURNEY, I USED TO  
THINK ABOUT HOSPITALITY IN THIS WAY.....**

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**AT THE END OF THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER, I NOW THINK ABOUT HOSPITALITY THIS WAY....**

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*What happens to one happens to all. We can  
starve together or feast together.  
All flourishing is mutual.*

*Shannon Martin, Start With Hello*

