

## Yes, You - Week 03

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The problem with **strangers** is that they are **strange**.

It is awkward because they're **different**.

And that difference tempts us to **narrow our attention and affections** to the **smaller group** of **people** with whom **we feel comfortable**.

**Hospitality** is often described as **making room**.

Feelings of warmth and attraction create clusters of friends, cliques of **sameness** where **like** is attracted to **like**.

-Richard Beck

**Moral Circle** - is created by a simple two-step process:

1. We identify our **tribe**.
2. We extend **kindness** toward those **inside** our **moral circle**.

**Kindness** is the feeling I extend toward those who are the **same kind of people as me**.

There is a **natural tendency** to restrict **our kindness** to the **few** rather than to the many.

Kindness inside the circle of our affections is as **natural as breathing**.

Hospitality is **expanding the moral circle** to make room in our hearts for each other.

Hospitality is a **million boring little things** that expand the territory of our kindness in ways that open us up to welcoming strangers.

### **The Motivation**

We make room for each other because God made room for us.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God  
Romans 15:7 ESV

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