



Bread and salt

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Hebrews 13:2; Romans 12:13



Topic

Hospitality



Takeaway

Whoever welcomes others sometimes meets God himself



10–15 minutes



Object: a loaf of bread and a small bowl of salt



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Hospitality". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Put the bread and salt in the middle. Ask: Do you know the custom of giving bread and salt? When do people do it?

3 min

Bible text

In many countries guests are welcomed with bread and salt; in some places people give it when someone moves into a new home. It means: may you have enough to live on here and be welcome. Hebrews says: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." And Paul writes: "Practise hospitality."

5 min

Thought

In the Bible hospitality is no side issue. Abraham hosts three strangers and meets God. Jesus lets himself be invited – and invites the very people nobody else wants. For us that means: how do we welcome newcomers to the group? Who is sitting alone at mealtimes? Where do we open our doors – also to people who are different from us? Break the bread, dip it in salt and share it with each other.

5 min

Conversation

Who around you could do with a real welcome right now?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, thank you for welcoming me. Make our group a place where everyone finds bread and salt – and where people meet you. Amen.



To think further

- When did you last feel truly welcome – and why?
- What could we as a group do concretely so that newcomers quickly feel at home?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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