

**From Strangers to Family***Romans 12:13*

\_\_\_\_\_ generous.

**4 Types of Poverty**

1. Self
2. Others
3. Creation
4. God

*1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."*

\_\_\_\_\_ hospitality.

Hospitality moves people from **Stranger**, to **Neighbor**, to **Family**.

**ONE THING**

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# At Home Study Guide

For the week of August 18, 2019

*Romans 12:13*

*Romans 12 is Paul's challenge to live out the theology he writes about in Romans 1-11. As we tackle this chapter over eight weeks, remember that the ability to live out the Christian life comes from what God has done in us, as Paul explains in chapters 1-11.*

1. Giving to other believers is commanded here by Paul. He knows firsthand that giving to the needs of other Christians makes the body of Christ stronger.

a. Besides giving to the church, how could you contribute to the needs of other Christians?

b. How have other Christians encouraged you by giving to you?

2. Radically ordinary hospitality is a difficult thing, but it's what Scripture commands. Rosaria Butterfield writes, "It meets people as strangers and makes them neighbors; it meets neighbors and make[s] them family."

a. Who in your neighborhood can you show hospitality?

b. How can you love others who live near you as a testimony to the gospel of grace?

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