A Christian home is a mighty tool in the hands of God to convince a lost and dying world of the reality of Jesus Christ. The warm atmosphere of such a home is often the climate necessary to bring a skeptical unbeliever to the point of considering the claims of Christ. Having friends in for coffee or for a meal, starting a neighborhood Bible discussion group, making the home available for prayer groups, and allowing God to express Himself to others through hospitality are some ways a home can be used.

1. Home is a place to which people come or from which people go.
   a. Which of these is more important? ……………………. 
      ………………………………………………………………………….. 
      Why? ……………………………………………..............................
   b. How would you define hospitality? Titus 1:8, Romans 12:13 …………………. 
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2. In the story recorded in Luke 10:29-37, how would you describe a neighbor? …………………. 
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3. What was the governing power behind Paul's ministry? II Corinthians 5:14, 15 ………… 
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4. What is the purpose of ministering to others? Ephesians 4:11-16, Colossians 1:28, 29 
   …………………………………………………………………………………

5. Note the following examples of hospitality. Write down:
   A) who gave the hospitality. 
   B) who received it. 
   C) what blessings the ones who gave the hospitality received as a result of it. (You may have to read further in the assigned portions to discern this.)

   Genesis 18:1-8 
   1)……………………………………………………………………………………
   2)……………………………………………………………………………………
   3)……………………………………………………………………………………

   Genesis 24:17-20 
   1)……………………………………………………………………………………
   2)……………………………………………………………………………………
   3)……………………………………………………………………………………
Joshua 2:1-16
1) .................................................................
2) ......................................................................
3) ......................................................................

I Kings 17:10-24
1) ......................................................................
2) ......................................................................
3) ......................................................................

II Kings 4:8-11
1) ......................................................................
2) ......................................................................
3) ......................................................................

Luke 10:38-42
1) ......................................................................
2) ......................................................................
3) ......................................................................

Acts 16:14, 15
1) ......................................................................
2) ......................................................................
3) ......................................................................

6. To whom should we offer hospitality?
   a. Leviticus 19:33, 34 ..............................
   b. Matthew 25:34-46 .............................
   c. I Peter 4:9 ..............................
   e. III John 5-8 ..............................

7. What are some of the reasons we should show hospitality?
   a. Isaiah 60:11 ...........................................................
   b. Ecclesiastes 11:1 ...........................................................
   c. Hebrews 13:1-2 ...........................................................

8. To whom are we not to extend hospitality? II John 10-11 ................
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9. Who is the most hospitable couple you know? ............................
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Write out the outstanding characteristics, as you see them, which make them hospitable:

Assignment:

Real hospitality is costly in time, privacy, involvement, and money. Do you think the investment is worth it? .......... Why or why not? .................................................................

If you believe the investment is worth it, discuss with your partner how your home can be used to minister to others more effectively. Write out a plan and schedule as to how and when your home will become a more available tool in the hands of God for the blessing of others.

Suggestions For Further Study
Tape 1021 - Use of the Home in the Ministry, George Sanchez
Tape 1279 - Hospitality, Joyce Enright