

In chapter 3 of *Practicing Hospitality*, Pat Ennis and Lisa Tatlock encourage us that all women can practice hospitality no matter what season of life they are in. These ladies give helpful, creative ideas on how we can balance caring for our families while still being hospitable within our home. Our hope for discussing this chapter would be for you to grow in grace, biblical love and practical wisdom in relation to hospitality. Please feel free to use this assignment and any combination of these discussion questions in one or more of your ladies meetings.

Chapter 3 “Hospitality and Family”

1. Proverbs 31 says that “She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” In what ways are you making your family the first priority when it comes to practicing hospitality? Where can you grow? (p. 74-76)
2. When thinking through hospitality opportunities, what comes to your mind first (family, great outreach opportunity, friends and fellowship, serving the church, etc.)? In what ways can you/do you use wisdom and discernment in these situations to best serve your family while still practicing hospitality? (p. 76-77)
3. In what ways are you asking you husband for insight and guidance when it comes to hospitality? In what ways can you include your children in preparations? (p. 78-79)
4. Do you practice hospitality to your family? Evaluate whether you treat your family “as good as guests.” Identify how you can specifically apply the ideas mentioned in this chapter (i.e. preparing favorite foods, creating a warm atmosphere, screen phone calls, plan special events, etc...) (p. 80-82)
5. As we have read, Traditions are ways for us to provide a sense of stability in our home, remember God’s work in our lives and provide means for passing down godly heritage to our children. What are some specific ways God has worked in your family that are important to pass down to your children? How do you plan on cultivating traditions into your family? (p. 84-93)