How Christians can embody hospitality not hostility:

1 Resist toxic rhetoric, insist on compassionate conversation.

The world needs followers of Jesus to challenge fear-driven narratives in our churches, workplaces and social circles. Start from a place of love over fear, remembering that migrating people are bearers of the image of God.

SOME PRACTICAL GUIDANCE

You can pose questions like:

- "Did you know that 47 per cent of people on the move around the world today are Christians and they often end up sharing the gospel wherever they go?"*
- *Have you ever thought about the fact that the good news of God has often been spread through migration?"
- "Isn't it interesting that we've prayed so long for unreached nations and now they are here within reach?"

Help people adopt a posture of curiosity instead of condemnation, noting of course that our compassion should extend to all migrating people regardless of their faith. In this we can be faithful witnesses to Jesus.

Open your doors. Befriend migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in your community.

Hospitality can look like:

- sharing a meal
- listening to their stories
- learning a few words in another language
- offering practical help

This helps us to see the stories behind the statistics.

3 Stand for justice.

Advocate for fair asylum processes, safe housing and policies that uphold dignity.

4 Practise solidarity.

Join or support local organisations already walking alongside asylum seekers, refugees and other migrating people. Collective action strengthens witness and demonstrates that love is stronger than fear.

5 Confront root causes.

Call on governments and organisations to stop fuelling conflicts through the sale of weapons, resource depletion and economic exploitation. Advocate for peacebuilding and international cooperation that prioritises human flourishing over profit.

Thank you.

Thank you for considering these practical actions that reflect hospitality, not hostility. Together, we can follow Jesus' example of loving people others might reject or fear. You are warmly welcome to sign up for the Acts 11 newsletter to learn more about mission and migration.



