

One Anothering *Small Group Discussion*

Week Two: Welcome

“The one-anothers, then, are earthly dramas of heavenly realities; they are the love of Christ played out on ten thousand stages.”
Scott Hubbard

How do we care for one another well? The point of small groups is not to be “nice people” that hang out each week during our time together, but rather to be a group of people who love each other and reflect the realities of Christ’s better Kingdom of God.

Each week of this study, we will look at ways Christ modeled this for us and, by his grace, we can extend this to others within and outside the church.

Week 1: Humility

Week 2: Welcome

Week 3: Words

Week 4: Love

Week 5: Grace

LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

When was a time you felt most welcomed into a space, home, situation?

Contrast that with an unwelcome experience.

Use post-it notes to brainstorm ways you DO SEE welcome extended well in your small group and ways you COULD SEE or WOULD LIKE TO SEE this happen. Take a few minutes at the end of your time to revisit these post-it notes and then prayerfully consider what action items would be beneficial for your small group in the upcoming weeks/months.

This is really hard. Sometimes it almost seems impossible. The good news is that Christ has done this perfectly for us.

What does it look like to “one another” in our welcome like Christ? How did he model this for us?

**What are some examples within our church?
What can we learn from outside our church?**

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.
Romans 12:16

BOOK *What does Scripture say about this? Have smaller groups of 2-3 people look at the context, significance, etc. of these passages and report back to the larger group.*

What are these passages regarding welcome saying? Why is this important?

How do you see welcome play out in everyday life?

What do you see when welcome isn’t happening?

Romans 15:7

Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.

1 Peter 4:9

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4 - Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

How do we, as a group, reflect the reality of this Kingdom? What could this look like for our group?

What could we experience if we did this well? (think at home, work, church, with neighbors, etc.)

TOOK *What will you take away from today’s discussion? Possible questions to consider:*

**Where is it easiest for you to be welcoming? Why?
What condition of your heart is holding you back from being more welcoming in certain situations?**

Pray for opportunities to be welcoming like Jesus this week.