

Hands that Welcome

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Romans 16:1-16

I. What a Good Greeting Looks Like:

Romans 16:16a ^{16a}Greet one another with a holy kiss.

1. A good greeting is physical.

2. A good greeting is personal.

3. A good greeting is distinctive.

II. What Offering Hospitality Looks Like:

¹ Peter 4:8-9 ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

4. Hospitality is making room in your life for someone you don't yet know.

5. Hospitality transforms lives when offered freely.

III. What Acceptance Looks Like:

Romans 15:7 ⁷Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

6. Acceptance means making the first move toward someone.

7. Acceptance allows us to imitate Jesus.

IV. Suggestions for Putting this into Practice:

1. Learn someone's name and use it.

2. Invite someone to do something.

3. Join the Greeting Team.

4. Sign up for a Life Group.