



Grace Group Guide

United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

-**Scripture:** Be in the Word together

-**Encouragement:** One another each other

-**Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost

-**Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!

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Week of 8/17/25

Title: Love Our Neighbors to Jesus

Ice Breaker: Have people recall and share moments they felt truly welcomed, setting the tone for the discussion.

- Ask everyone to think of a time and share an experience where they had a memorable welcome (it could be from family, friends, a workplace, a church, even a stranger).
- What made that welcome so memorable?
 - How did it make you feel about the person or place?
 - Did it make you want to go back or stay connected?

"We remember good welcomes because they make us feel seen, valued, and wanted. Tonight, we're going to explore how God welcomes us like that—and how He calls us to extend the same welcome to others."

Big Idea

God has welcomed us into His family through Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are called to extend that same genuine welcome to others—so they feel wanted, valued, and at home.

Discussion

- Dig into the Word:
 - We are going to look at each of these Scriptures, but before we do have your group split your group into groups and divide up the following Scriptures. Or go through each one together as a group.
 - What do the following Scriptures say about being welcoming or showing hospitality?
 - John 14:2–3 (Have you ever thought about God preparing a place for you as him showing you hospitality??)
 - John 17:24
 - Luke 15:1–2
 - Romans 12:13
 - 1 Peter 4:9
 - Luke 9:48

God's Welcome to Us

Kip said in the sermon: "You are wanted here. You can be at home here."

- How does that reflect the way God welcomes us into His family?
- How is this different from simply being "accepted" or "tolerated"?
- Read John 14:2–3.
 - What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is preparing a place for you?
 - How does this affect the way you think about your relationship with Him?
- Read John 17:24.
 - Jesus says He wants you with Him. Why is it significant that He uses the language of desire rather than obligation?
 - How does knowing Jesus actually wants you affect your confidence in your faith?
- Think of a time when you doubted God's welcome toward you.
 - What was happening at the time?
 - How did you come to remember or experience His welcome again?

Our Call to Welcome Others

In the story about Sterling, the turning point came when the Kip chose to genuinely welcome him. Can you think of someone in your life right now who you've struggled to truly welcome?

- What's holding you back—past history, personality differences, discomfort, or something else?
- Read Romans 12:13 (Always be eager to practice hospitality).
 - What's the difference between being polite and being genuinely hospitable?
 - How do you think people can tell the difference?
- Read 1 Peter 4:9 (Offer hospitality without grumbling).
 - Who first comes to mind when you think of a person who embodies God's welcome well? What can you learn from their example?

Now What?

- What are next steps for you from this study on being welcoming?
- What is something that you can do individually or as a group to be more welcoming?
 - Pray Big! Pray Now! Our church is praying for all of our schools, teachers, students, parents, etc. this month. Take time as a group to pray for those things. (Include: Home School, Public, Private, College, Trade School...)
- Kip challenged us a month ago to read through the Psalms for the rest of the year. Encourage your group to do that together!