

Everybody Welcome

Sermon ideas

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Week One: God's heart for welcome. Luke 15:1-2, 11-32. The course is a very practical one and it is important to set it in the context of God's heart for welcome which we are called, as Christians, to reflect to those around us.

Week Two: Matthew 25:31-46. Leviticus 19:32-34. Welcoming the outsider.

Week Three: Genesis 18. 1 Peter 4:7-11 or Mark 9:33-37. The importance of hospitality.

Week Four: James 2:1-13. Galatians 3:26-28. Belonging to the Family.

You will find several passages commented upon in pages 8 and 9 of the *Leader's Manual* where we put the course in the context of biblical teaching. There are numerous passages about the way Jesus welcomes the stranger and outcast.

Other passages you may consider are:

Genesis 18. Abraham and the angels.

Mark 9:33-37. A child's welcome.

John 3:16. Whoever....

John 4. The way Jesus welcomes the woman at the well.

Acts 9:19-31. Saul is welcomed by Ananias and Barnabas.

Acts 10. The challenge to Peter to welcome outsiders.

Romans 12:13. Practice hospitality.

Hebrews 13:3. Entertaining angels unawares.

1 Peter 4:7-11. Verse 9 - gift of hospitality.

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Sermons: biblical passages

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Leviticus 19:32-34. Aliens in the land.

Matthew 25:31-46. Parable of Sheep and Goats. When I was a stranger....

Mark 9:33-37 A child's welcome.

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32. Prodigal Son. God's heart to welcome home (and reaction of elder brother)

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Romans 12:13. Practice hospitality.

Hebrews 13:2. Entertaining angels unawares.

James 2:1-13. Favouritism.

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Week Three: The importance of hospitality. Genesis 18. 1 Peter 4:7-11 or Mark 9:33-37 (families as well as children).

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