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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 02.23.25 Pulpit Curriculum

Hospitality in God's House: Loving Strangers at Church

Main Passage: Romans 12:9-13

The Law of Christ is the new command to love as He loved us by taking personal spiritual responsibility for others through disciple-making to the nations.
(Mark 10:28-31; Matt. 28:20; John 13:34; Gal. 6:2)

1) **Loving the Saints**- Romans 12:13

- Every Christian is a saint and a priest to your God, and one of the ways that we put Christ on display is to show brotherly love and affection to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

2) **Living and Loving by Grace**- Luke 6:32-36

benefit (vv. 32, 33); credit (v. 34) Greek word: charis= grace

- As Christians, we have been overwhelmed by God's grace (*lavished with grace* Eph. 1:8), and we have the command and the capacity to extend that grace to others freely not by merit.

A. How would you evaluate your grace towards those in your life who are ungrateful or have even done wrong against you? How often do you take the time to pray for the person who may have sinned against you? _____

B. Describe a time when you witnessed your significant other (dating relationship)/spouse or friend display kindness to a stranger. How did that encourage you, challenge you, or convict you? _____

3) **Are you a Hospitalitarian?**- Romans 15:7

- A serving-mindset versus a hospitalitarian-mindset can sometimes be equated to merely checking the box/bare-minimum engagement in relationships versus extending genuine and intentional care that helps others feel deeply loved, comforted, and treasured.

To welcome- draw one another to one's bosom



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C. Meditate on Christ's welcoming embrace in your salvation. What words would you use to describe Christ's welcome for you personally in your salvation? How should that influence your welcome of others? _____

4) **Developing a Culture of Hospitality**- Ephesians 2:19

- The church should be the most Christ-magnifying, Jesus-proclaiming, and hospitable place one can find genuine love and care.

D. In what ways are you intentionally a part of the solution to create a culture of hospitality at The Grove? In what ways do you want to grow in this area?

5) **On a Mission at Church**- Hebrews 13:1-2

- When we ignore or reject opportunities to be welcoming to strangers, we tell a lie about Jesus; He has put us on mission to show His love to all- angels, image-bearers, and siblings in Christ alike! May our actions (and countenance) tell the truth of who He is!

Greeting Break:

- 1) Pray- Lord help me show Your love.
- 2) Consider- Who would I like to talk to?
- 3) Reach out- Move out on mission
- 4) Remember- capture names
- 5) Be Sincere- authenticity wins the day

E. Do you struggle with engaging in conversations with people you don't know or don't know very well? Identify the root cause of this difficulty/hesitation to take up opportunities to extend grace. Talk to someone in your Lifegroup about this.

F. How can you grow in your engagement during the greeting break and/or lingering long at The Grove? What excuses/hinderances are holding you back from being on mission in these ways? _____
