

The Welcoming Church
What Is A Welcoming Church?

Ephesians 4:11–16
The Lord's Day Morning
November 1, 2020

A welcoming church is a community of believers who love each other with such great commitment that the world identifies them as disciples of Jesus (Jn. 13:34–35). Because they love Jesus and their neighbors, they obey his command to make disciples (Jn. 14:21; Mt. 28:18–20). Therefore, they are alert to every opportunity God gives them to show uncommon kindness and courtesy to people in their path and inviting them to consider the claims of Christ. In the age of “cancel culture,” the welcoming church provides a safe place for people to ask hard questions about the Christian faith. The responsibility of the welcoming church does not rest only on a few, but on every member of the church.

1. Gifted leaders equip each church member with Christlike _____ and _____.
2. Strategically placed members _____ people into their lives as they _____ them to follow Christ.
3. The church strengthens in _____ health which tends to yield _____ growth.