

Loving Others: The Art of Welcoming

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Bible Reading Plan
January 7-February 13, 2024

It is not a surprise that Jesus calls us to love our neighbors and to invite them into a relationship with us. It is through the intentional practice of extending hospitality to both friends and strangers that we become instrumental in sharing the love of Jesus with others.

Week of January 7	Loving Ourselves <i>Jesus commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We begin our journey of loving others by considering how we love ourselves.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Matthew 22:37-40	○ John 15:4-11	○ Matthew 10:29-31	○ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21	○ Galatians 2:20	○ Psalm 139
Week of January 14	Loving Our Families <i>Sometimes it can be easier to love those who are not in our family. However, in healthy families we learn to interact with others, we are provided a safe place to be nurtured and to grow, and we are loved and appreciated for who we are. Yes, we are called to love even them.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ 1 Corinthians 13:4-8	○ Ephesians 4:1-6	○ Ephesians 5:8-20	○ Ephesians 5:21-6:4	○ Mark 9:14-27	○ Psalm 68:1-6
Week of January 21	Loving our Neighbors <i>As followers of Christ we are called to love and be welcoming to those who live around us. When we are more intentional about loving our neighbors we have the opportunity to extend the love of Christ in our neighborhood and change it for the better.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Luke 10:25-37	○ Leviticus 19:1-18	○ Galatians 5:13-26	○ Romans 13:8-14	○ James 2:8-13	○ Psalm 15

Week of January 28	Loving our Church Family <i>Loving others includes loving our church family. Belonging to a church family requires us to demonstrate love for each other through our words and actions.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-28	○ Colossians 3:1-17	○ James 2:1-5	○ John 13:34-35	○ Romans 16	○ Psalm 133 & 134

Week of February 4	Loving our Local Community <i>The church was never designed to be an inclusive place just for members only. God calls each one of us to extend the love he provides to us to those in our communities. The early church knew that they were called to meet the needs of the poor and others who were not being cared for in society. We are called to do the same.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ Luke 14:12-14	○ Philippians 2:1-5	○ 1 Cor 16:13-14; Romans 5:5	○ 1 Peter 4:7-11	○ Hebrews 10:19-25	○ Psalm 80

Week of February 11	Loving Others in our World <i>What does it look like to love others in the world? As followers of Christ we are called to love those who are not like ourselves. One way of doing this is to shift our mindset to what we have in common instead of focusing on our differences. Then we will see each other in a different light.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
○ 1 John 4:11-21	○ James 1:19; Matthew 5:43-45	○ Ash <u>Wednesday</u> Lent reading plan begins	○	○	○