



Incredibly Welcoming
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Beulah is incredibly welcoming because Jesus is incredibly welcoming.

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
Matthew 11:28-30 (CSB)

Jesus, however, invited them: “Let the little children come to me, and don’t stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Luke 18:16 (CSB)

Jesus practiced radically ordinary hospitality with everyone.

TWO WAYS TO BE INCREDIBLY WELCOMING:

1. Welcome the faithful

Let brotherly love continue. Hebrews 13:1 (CSB)

Philadelphia = brotherly love

This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 (CSB)

About brotherly love: You don’t need me to write you because you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. 1 Thessalonians 4:9 (CSB)

We are called to be incredibly welcoming to the faithful - to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

2. Welcome the interested

Don’t neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2 (CSB)

Philoxenia = hospitality

We are called to be incredibly welcoming to those who don’t yet know Jesus but are interested in Him.

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We are for-not against. Jesus practiced radically ordinary hospitality with everyone. Thus, we interact with others in love, gentleness, grace, and truth because we know it’s God’s kindness that leads to repentance. We are incredibly welcoming because we are a church family who is for-not against.

Questions:

1. What are some practical ways that you can be incredibly welcoming to the faithful this week? To your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?
2. What are some practical ways that you can be incredibly welcoming to the interested this week? To those who don't yet know Jesus, but are interested in Him?