

What does it mean to be “welcoming”?

When you’ve gone somewhere for the first time how have you felt?



Who are we to be welcoming towards?

**THREE REASONS TO BE  
A WELCOMING CHURCH**

**1. The E\_\_\_\_\_ of J\_\_\_\_\_**

In Luke 9:10, why would Jesus want to spend time alone with the disciples?



When the crowd follow, how does Jesus react and what does he do?



What was said about Jesus? Luke 15:1-2

How many strangers have you spoken to this week?

**2. C\_\_\_\_\_ in the B\_\_\_\_\_**

What does Paul write 4 times at the end of his letters?



What are we told in Hebrews 13:2 and what could this refer to in the Old Testament?

What did Paul do when he was under house arrest in Rome? See Acts 28:30-31

What are we not to do according to James 2:1-4?

**3. An E\_\_\_\_\_ of the G\_\_\_\_\_**

How can true faith be identified? See James 2:14-17



How does welcoming strangers and loving one another demonstrate the gospel?



What do we need to be welcoming to others?

Why must we be a welcoming church?

**For further thought**

- How can you personally be more welcoming to others?
- How can we as a church be more welcoming to visitors and to one another?

