

Study Guide – Greet One Another
Sermon Series: One Another
Scripture Passage: Romans 16:3-16
May 7th 2017

Pray

O Lord, you openly welcomed us into your presence and give us the opportunity to welcome you into our lives. Teach us the value and importance of warm and genuine greetings. By our kindness and hospitality may we be formed and shaped in the image of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Read Romans 16:3-20

Take note of which words and phrases stand out to you.

Understanding the Text

1. Paul's admonition to "Greet one another with a holy kiss" comes at the end of a long list of similar instructions. Taken as a whole, what do you think Paul wants to communicate to the church of Rome?
2. The New Testament uses the term "greet" to convey a sense of warm acceptance and genuine interest, going beyond the superficial "hello."
 - To whom does Paul instruct the church to extend such a greeting?
 - What affect do you think this has on the community?
3. Read Matthew 5:43-48. How does Jesus use the Gentiles as a negative example for the kind of welcome the Christian community should be known for?

Living the Text

4. As you reflect on your past, can you remember times you were greeted in a way that made you feel like you belonged? Identify some concrete ways in which you can greet people.
5. Paul encourages the Romans to show their affection for one another by greeting "with a holy kiss." What might be some appropriate ways in our culture to demonstrate affection in your friendships and when we gather as church?

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Through this week O Lord, reveal to us opportunities to extend radical and joyful hospitality. Make us your instruments of peace and hope in the world around us.
Amen