

Welcoming Our Guests

1 Corinthians 14:24–25



Guest- Oriented Christians

- God expects us to be conscious of (and impartial toward) the guests who enter our assemblies – James 2:1–13.
- The assemblies are chiefly for Christians, but we ought to make the most of opportunities we have with guests – Colossians 4:5–6.
- Our speech and behavior toward guests should never make the gospel more offensive than it already is – 1 Corinthians 9:19–23.



Making Good Impressions

- Surveys suggest that guests will typically decide within the first ten minutes after their arrival whether they will return to a congregation.
- We ought to be intentional about meeting and greeting the guests who enter the assemblies – e.g., “the Five-Minute Rule.”
- COVID has changed our practices for better or for worse. Still, we must do our best to make a good impression on our guests.



The Ultimate Goal

- The reason that we give special attention to our guests and greet them warmly is to point them to God – 1 Corinthians 14:24–25.
- Our greetings do not save unbelievers, but they introduce guests to the love of God and pave the way for further teaching.
- We want God to save everyone who attends the assemblies. How we welcome people is an important step of this process.

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