

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 8A



MAIN POINT

Welcome everyone

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Jesus said that anyone who welcomes one of his followers welcomes him, and in turn welcomes his Heavenly Father. **Matthew 10:40**

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A table and chairs, tablecloth or placemats, serviettes (feel free to be as small or grand as you like with items to put on the table) *Actually have a meal and have the discussion as you set the table and eat together.*

CHAT

If we were inviting someone to our home, how would we make them feel welcome?

e.g. answer the door with a smile and a greeting, invite them in, ask them if they would like to sit down, offer them a drink or maybe some food.

If you were inviting them to a meal how might you set the table? Do I have some volunteers to help me make our table look inviting and welcoming to a guest.

e.g. set the chairs up to the table, place the tablecloth or placemats and serviettes

Now it seems pretty easy to make people feel welcome in our homes, especially if we can share a meal together. How can we make people feel welcome when they come to church, when we return to our buildings?

e.g. invite our friends and family to come to church with us, welcome people with a smile and a happy greeting, help them and show them how we worship, share morning tea after church

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us to remember that when we serve each other and make people feel welcome we are serving and welcoming you. Amen.

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