

Saturday & Sunday, October 21 & 22, 2017



The People of Walmart

The Kingdom of God is open to ALL people. Shouldn't His Church be as well?

Purpose Statement: We are an authentic, relevant, Bible-based church that WELCOMES EVERYONE and desires to grow and serve together.

Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV) ⁹ *After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.* ¹⁰ *And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

Definition of "Every" - used to refer to all the individual members of a set WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV) ²⁶ *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."* ²⁷ *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

Leviticus 19:33-34 NASB says:

³³ *"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.*

³⁴ *The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself.*

1. Be a welcoming person.
2. Step out of your comfort zone.
3. Embrace the underdog.

***"Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ."* – Saint Benedict**

Receive every person who comes through your door as though they were bringing Jesus to you. Receive every person you meet as though you were encountering the face of Christ.

Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: Galatians 3:26-28

Wednesday: James 2:1-13

Friday: Deuteronomy 10:17-18

Tuesday: Matthew 25:35

Thursday: James 2:14-26

Saturday: Romans 12:2

Talk it Over:

1. **How does the "Image of God" change the way you look at people?**
2. Are there areas that you disagree (or are not sure you agree) with the vision of welcoming everyone?
3. What are some ways that YOU feel you can help the church become more welcoming?
4. What do you think it means to receive every person as if you were encountering the face of Christ?

Nikki Nielsen's Prayer Requests

Monday: Pray for an awareness of God's leading as Pastor Brian, Pastor Nate and I plan future weekend services.

Tuesday: Pray for a good day of rest.

Wednesday: Pray that more musicians will join our congregation so that our team can grow.

Thursday: Pray for good health for our weekend volunteers.

Friday: Pray that our congregation will spend time with Jesus during the week so that they are ready to spend time with God on the weekends.

Saturday: Pray that our congregation will be aware of the Holy Spirit's presence during our services.