



October 26 – 27  
Lesson 6

## Greet One Another

*This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements, but members can still interact even if they missed the sermon. To use this guide in your Community Group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your Community Group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.*

**MAIN TEXT:** John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20; 1 Peter 4:7-9; 1 Cor. 16:20; 1 Thess. 5:26

**SUMMARY:** To continue our “One Another” series on how to be the church with one another and not just do church, we will look into what does it mean to “greet one another” and how this connects to who we are in Christ.

Just a reminder, while the “one another” passages do encourage us to move inward in community with one another, it doesn't happen without moving upward toward God, and it always moves us outward to the lost around us!

### GETTING STARTED

Watch the video together with the corresponding guide and answer the following question below:

1. How have you experienced other cultures greeting one another? How does the Bible's explanation of “greeting one another”, or in other words, welcoming one another, go beyond a simple “hello” or “how you doin'” (Philly style)?

### DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-20. The point here is that we belong to each other in Christ's body. Why is this important when you think of the diversity of people that can exist in the church? Why is this important when it comes to greeting one another, or welcoming one another?
2. What happens when we don't greet, or welcome people into the body that are different than us?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:7-9. Hospitality is showing generosity and care as they are welcomed in. How does complaining and grumbling deter hospitality in our church body? How does serving coincide with hospitality?
4. How have you experienced hospitality at FAC? How have you experience this in a small group?

### RESPONDING TO GOD

1. How has Jesus welcomed you in and shown you hospitality and care?
2. Open it up to the group and ask if anyone would like to host the next group meeting, or maybe host another sort of fun activity together. Even better... invite some non-Christians to it. It's a great way to practice hospitality!

## OTHER THOUGHTS

How can you personally contribute to your small group to being a more welcoming and hospitable place to be?

## MOVING OUTWARD WITH YOUR GROUP

Below is the Moving Outward that was shared previously. Use some time at the end to discuss any details needed to move forward, and spend some time praying for these unsaved friends.

1. Have each person think of 2 unsaved friends. Write them down on a piece of paper and commit to pray for their salvation.
2. Go around the room and share with your group the 2 unsaved friends that you wrote down.
3. Decide as a group which unsaved friend you would all like to pursue with either one of the following 3 things:
  - a. **Is there a need? Then fill it.** (*Ex. Yardwork is difficult for a single mom.*)
  - b. **Is there a hurt? Then heal it.** (*Ex. A neighbor's spouse passed away and you make meals for the neighbor for a week*)
  - c. **Is there a common interest? Then do it.** (*Ex. A friend likes board games, so you get together for a game night!*)
4. Start planning the details together as a group and just focus on 1 or 2 unsaved people at a time. Let them see your love that you have as a group and the love Jesus has for them!