

9 Ways to Welcome New People

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We love inviting new people to our LIFE Group. As our group is made up of friends that we grow, laugh, and serve with, it turns out that welcoming new people is a lot like welcoming any new person into your home. Here are nine ways to welcome new people to your LIFE Group.

1. Give them a big smile at the door

Yes, it's simple but important. Also, if you have a pet that wanders the house and you don't know how your new friends feel about pets, lock them up!

2. Introduce yourself and others

Odds are you have already met, but if not, introduce yourself. No matter what, shake their hand or give them a hug if appropriate! It just sends a welcoming message. Also, introduce your new friends to each person/couple in your group individually.

3. Help them feel at home

Let your new friends know where the bathrooms are, where they can put their coats, where the food may be, and what you'll be doing together.

4. Let them know what to expect

If possible, reach out during the week before group and let your friends know what to expect, how to get to your meeting place, and answer any questions they have.

5. Let them leave their shoes on

If you meet in your home, and you have fantastically beautiful floors, you might ask most people to take their shoes off. Well, your new friends are the exception. Odds are they'll see that you and others are shoeless and follow suit. Otherwise, just bust out the vacuum after they leave.

6. Give them something

Are you meeting at a coffee shop? Maybe offer to buy your new friends' drinks this week. At a home? Offer to get them something to drink. Have snacks or a meal available when possible. Finally, if you have something delicious leftover, offer to send it home with them.

7. Don't speak in code

If you have an existing group, you probably know each other pretty well. Try not to talk about too many things your new friends aren't part of. Find conversations you can include them in.

8. Get to know each other a little

Even if you already have a certain conversation planned, ask your group (new and old) to share a little about themselves. Ask something like, "How did you find King's, and is anything different in your life since you started coming?" Don't expect to go super deep, but you don't have to stay too shallow either.

9. Be yourself!

All of these are great recommendations, but mostly importantly, you need to be who you are.

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