

A Beautiful Mess

Welcome Home The Hurting

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Ideas

We honor the example and heart of Christ when we welcome home the hurting.

Key Scriptures

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Philippians 2:5

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:27-32

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? James 2:1

Too often church becomes a place for the manicured, managed, and masked.

We adopt the attitude of welcoming home the hurting when we:

1. Look at His life in scripture.

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings." John 8:31

2. Align with His Spirit in prayer.

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Colossians 4:2

3. Lean into His people through gatherings.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Start talking.

- How have you seen the local church become a place for the "manicured, managed, and masked"?
- Why is it easy to lose sight of the value to Welcome Home the Hurting?

Start thinking.

- Read Philippians 2:5. Why is it important for us to have the same attitude as Christ?
- Read Luke 5:27-32. Why did Levi leave everything? Why did the Pharisees complain?
- Read James 2:1. Why is this so important to James?

Start sharing.

- How does time spent in scripture help us adopt the attitude of Christ?
- How does prayer shift your attitude toward others?

Start doing.

- Commit to consistent time in the Bible. If you haven't already, download the YouVersion Bible App. Set up the "verse of the day". Then select the "Love Like Jesus" reading plan.
- Take 5 minutes each day this week in prayer. Open with thanksgiving, ask questions, pray for the needs of others, and invite God's continued blessing in your life.

Closing prayer.

Father forgive me for those times I have judged others. God develop in me the same attitude as Jesus. Help me to welcome home the hurting personally and corporately as the growing family of Harbor Church.