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## Greet One Another

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Greet one another with a holy kiss. Romans 16:16

### How do people greet each other today?

**Why do you think God would want His people to master greeting each other?**

#### Romans 16:1-16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church. Romans 16:1

Greet Ampliatius, my beloved in the Lord. Romans 16:8

**If you would follow this High 5 idea, how would you:**

- greet your family in the morning?
- start your workday?
- return home at night?

Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen. Romans 16:25-27

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

Do any of you use apps to connect with God? Which ones do you like?  
\*As a group or family, try out one of these suggested apps: YouVersion or New City Catechism

Were you able to find a name for each of your High 5 fingers this week?

Thumb = a friend

Index finger = leader, boss, teacher, coach

Middle = unlikeable person

Ring = family

Pinkie = the last person on your mind

In what ways did God present opportunities to care for them or serve them this week? Giving yourself a letter grade (A-F), how well did you do with those opportunities?

How do you like to be greeted when you arrive someplace? What kind of greetings to you try to avoid?

Why do you think God would want His people to master greeting each other?

Curt pointed out 2 people from a long list that were named in the Bible: Phoebe & Ampliatius.

Phoebe was a servant who physically carried the letters of Paul from group to group & Ampliatius was a Roman slave who followed Jesus. Who in your life, past or current, encourages you with God's Word on a regular basis? How could you greet them (or encourage them) this week? Of all the people that you know who follow Jesus, who is easily overlooked because their social status may mean they don't have all the benefits of a good income, nice home, etc? How could you greet (or encourage them) this week?

Following the hand theme, Curt gave us another High 5 illustration to consider as we focus on the five people/groups presented last message (see above). This week he encouraged us to think of 5 ways to greet or encourage one another:

Time: focused time together

Touch: physical expressions of love/care

Tell: spoken or written affirmation

To Do: tangible acts of serving

Treasure: practical or unexpected gifts

Think of ways you could use these 5 tools to greet or encourage your High 5 list this week.

What are the likely reasons you won't do these things? How can this group encourage you to fight through those reasons?

Close your LifeGroup by praying for each other to live out these tools for those you put on your High 5 list. Ask God to help you become an initiator of God-like greetings this week.

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through the ups and downs of life. For more information, connect with the church, marinerschurch@marinerscc.org