**INTRO – How do we treat/welcome church visitors?**

**[Romans 15:7](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+15%3A7&version=ESV)**ESV / 103 helpful votes

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

### [Matthew 25:35](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A35&version=ESV) ESV / 66 helpful votes

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

### [Hebrews 13:2](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+13%3A2&version=ESV) ESV / 52 helpful votes

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

### [Galatians 3:28](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+3%3A28&version=ESV) ESV / 43 helpful votes

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

### [1 Peter 4:9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A9&version=ESV) ESV / 30 helpful votes

Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

### [Romans 13:10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+13%3A10&version=ESV) ESV / 17 helpful votes

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

### [1 Corinthians 14:26](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+14%3A26&version=ESV) ESV / 11 helpful votes

What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

**Conversation Starters:**

## 1. "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. What's yours?"

## 2. "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. I've been attending [church name] for years, but I still haven't met everyone. Is this your first visit with us?"

## 3. "Are you new to the area?"

## 4. "How did you find our church?"

## 5. "What brought you to our church today?"

## 6. "What kind of work do you do?"

## 7. "Do you know anyone who attends this church?"

## 8. "Do you have any questions about the church?"

## 9. "Do you live nearby?"

## 10. "Have you met \_\_\_\_\_?" (Pastor, etc… redirect to church leadership when in doubt)

Honorable mentions:

You look familiar? I love your hair! What a nice dress? Yo! Whats up?

Notice their shirts and logos – associate them with something you know about.

Notice who they were near – may be a clue. Never assume they came with someone though.

During Covid Times – a smile, elbow bump, air high-5, these can do a lot of good!!!

Prophecy

### Idolatry Brings Destruction – Jeremiah 10

**10**Hear the word that the Lord speaks to you, O Israel! **2**This is what the Lord says:

“Do not act like the other nations,
    who try to read their future in the stars.
Do not be afraid of their predictions,
    even though other nations are terrified by them.
**3**Their ways are futile and foolish.
    They cut down a tree, and a craftsman carves an idol.
**4**They decorate it with gold and silver
    and then fasten it securely with hammer and nails
    so it won’t fall over.
**5**Their gods are like
    helpless scarecrows in a cucumber field!
They cannot speak,
    and they need to be carried because they cannot walk.
Do not be afraid of such gods,
    for they can neither harm you nor do you any good.”

Lord, there is no one like you!
    For you are great, and your name is full of power.
**7**Who would not fear you, O King of nations?
    That title belongs to you alone!
Among all the wise people of the earth
    and in all the kingdoms of the world,
    there is no one like you.

### The Coming Destruction

**17**Pack your bags and prepare to leave;
    the siege is about to begin.
**18**For this is what the Lord says:
“Suddenly, I will fling out
    all you who live in this land.
I will pour great troubles upon you,
    and at last you will feel my anger.”

### Judah’s Broken Covenant – Jeremiah 11

**11**The Lord gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, **2**“Remind the people of Judah and Jerusalem about the terms of my covenant with them. **3**Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Cursed is anyone who does not obey the terms of my covenant! **4**For I said to your ancestors when I brought them out of the iron-smelting furnace of Egypt, “If you obey me and do whatever I command you, then you will be my people, and I will be your God.” **5**I said this so I could keep my promise to your ancestors to give you a land flowing with milk and honey—the land you live in today.’”

Then I replied, “Amen, Lord! May it be so.”

**6**Then the Lord said, “Broadcast this message in the streets of Jerusalem. Go from town to town throughout the land and say, ‘Remember the ancient covenant, and do everything it requires. **7**For I solemnly warned your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, “Obey me!” I have repeated this warning over and over to this day, **8**but your ancestors did not listen or even pay attention. Instead, they stubbornly followed their own evil desires. And because they refused to obey, I brought upon them all the curses described in this covenant.’”

**9**Again the Lord spoke to me and said, “I have discovered a conspiracy against me among the people of Judah and Jerusalem. **10**They have returned to the sins of their ancestors. They have refused to listen to me and are worshiping other gods. Israel and Judah have both broken the covenant I made with their ancestors. **11**Therefore, this is what the Lord says: I am going to bring calamity upon them, and they will not escape.

### A Plot against Jeremiah

**18**Then the Lord told me about the plots my enemies were making against me. **19**I was like a lamb being led to the slaughter. I had no idea that they were planning to kill me! “Let’s destroy this man and all his words,” they said. “Let’s cut him down, so his name will be forgotten forever.”

**20**O Lord of Heaven’s Armies,
you make righteous judgments,
    and you examine the deepest thoughts and secrets.
Let me see your vengeance against them,
    for I have committed my cause to you.

**21**This is what the Lord says about the men of Anathoth who wanted me dead. They had said, “We will kill you if you do not stop prophesying in the Lord’s name.” **22**So this is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says about them: “I will punish them! Their young men will die in battle, and their boys and girls will starve to death. **23**Not one of these plotters from Anathoth will survive, for I will bring disaster upon them when their time of punishment comes.

**The recent Peace Accord made between Israel and the UAE has the ME Region in search of additional Peace Agreements between the Jewish State and their Arab neighbors. The US Sec of State Mike Pompeo is in the ME, meeting with the Israeli leaders, and then, in secret meetings, with a number of Arab States, hoping to have them move to normalize with Israel. Today on PTIB Jimmy DeYoung will have at his Broadcast Table Winkie Medad to talk about the prospects of other Arab-Israeli Peace Accords. Jimmy will also talk with Winkie about these peace accords bringing about the rebuilding of the next Jewish Temple in Jerusalem.**

1517-1924: The **Ottoman Caliphate** ([Ottoman Turkish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_Turkish_language): خلافت مقامى‎, [Turkish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkish_language): *hilâfet makamı*; "the office of caliphate"), under the [Ottoman dynasty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_dynasty) of the [Ottoman Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ottoman_Empire), was the last [Sunni Islamic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunni_Islam) [caliphate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caliphate) of the late [medieval](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Ages) and the early [modern era](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern_era). During the period of Ottoman growth, Ottoman rulers claimed caliphal authority since 1517 since [Selim I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selim_I%22%20%5Co%20%22Selim%20I), through conquering and unification of Muslim lands, became the [defender of the Holy Cities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Custodian_of_the_Two_Holy_Mosques) of [Mecca](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mecca) and [Medina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medina) which further strengthened the Ottoman claim to caliphate in the [Muslim world](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_world) since 1517.

The demise of the Ottoman Caliphate took place because of a slow erosion of power in relation to [Western Europe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_Europe), and because of the end of the Ottoman state in consequence of the [partitioning of the Ottoman Empire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partitioning_of_the_Ottoman_Empire) by the [League of Nations mandate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/League_of_Nations_mandate). [Abdülmecid II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abd%C3%BClmecid_II%22%20%5Co%20%22Abd%C3%BClmecid%20II), the last Ottoman caliph, held his caliphal position for a couple of years after the partitioning, but with [Mustafa Kemal's](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mustafa_Kemal_Atat%C3%BCrk) [secular reforms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atat%C3%BCrk%27s_Reforms) and the subsequent exile of the royal [Osmanoğlu family](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osmano%C4%9Flu_family%22%20%5Co%20%22Osmano%C4%9Flu%20family) from the [Republic of Turkey](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turkey) in 1924, [the caliphal position was abolished](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abolition_of_the_Caliphate).

With the establishments of [Bektashi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bektashi_order%22%20%5Co%20%22Bektashi%20order) and [Mevlevi orders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mevlevi_order), [heterodox](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heterodox), [syncretic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syncretic) and [mystic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mysticism) approaches to Islam like [Sufism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sufism) were flourished.

The Roman Empire is considered to have been the most enduring in history. The formal start date of the empire remains the subject of debate, but most historians agree that the clock began ticking in 27 BC, when the Roman politician Octavian overthrew the Roman Republic to become Emperor Augustus. Although Rome later fell to the Germanic “Barbarians” in AD 476, the ensuing “Eastern Empire” based at Constantinople is widely regarded as a continuation of the original Roman one. It wasn’t until the fall of the city in AD 1453 that the curtain finally came down on the empire, ending a period of dominance across Europe and beyond that had lasted for almost 1,500 years.