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GUIDELINES FOR WELCOMING VISITORS

General Guidelines for Welcoming Visitors

1. Make visitors feel at home. Smile! Be genuine. They want to be welcomed. They want to observe our church and have an open door, if they choose to come again. Most of all, they don't want to be pressurized. They should want to come back after meeting you!
2. Begin by introducing yourself and finding out about them. Ask them their name, what they do, if they liked the service, how they found out about the church, who brought them to church, if they have a need that you could pray for, etc.
3. Be sensitive to whom you are speaking with. Determine the type of visitor they are. They could be one of the below:

Types of visitors

1. **Believers from another church visiting:** Thank them for visiting, extend an invitation to visit again, encourage them to remain faithful to their own churches.
2. **Believers who are looking for a home church (just relocated to Bangalore or other reasons):** This group will have questions about what our church is about, what we believe in, etc. Take time to explain and answer their questions, introduce them to life group leaders and others, share about our statement of faith (available on our church website), etc.
3. **'Unchurched' believers (new believers or believers who are coming back to God after a period of time):** Encourage them to come again and to attend our life group (help them locate a life group that will be suitable for them with regard to age, type or location and that has space to accommodate them, as we want to maintain our life groups at 12 to 15 members).
4. **People from other faiths:** This group requires the most sensitivity. They may have come with a friend who is a member or a regular worshipper at APC or they may have come seeking.
 - i. **Avoid Christian Jargon:** Avoid using words like salvation, redemption, Gospel, etc. Instead of "Did you like the service?" say "Did you like the meeting?" Instead of "Gospel" use "message of Jesus."



Avoid using words like “redemption,” “sanctification,” “deliverance,” “repentance,” etc. They may not understand, or they might misunderstand what you are saying.

- ii. Determine if they are open to the Gospel or not. They may just have come to please their friend and may not be interested. Do not push them to make a decision to receive Christ or to say the “sinners’ prayer” if they are not open. If they are truly seeking, gently explain the message of Jesus* to them and ask them if they would like to pray the prayer to accept Jesus as their Savior and Lord.
- iii. Do not put down any another religion. Avoid getting into heated interfaith arguments. Explain that you respect their religious background and simply share your experience in Christ if you have the opportunity.
- iv. If they have come to church to receive prayer for healing / deliverance then, pray and minister to them. If they are undergoing medication, please DO NOT advise them to stop medication.

* You may use the four spiritual laws or other verses.

The toughest people you know will respond to love. “Your greatest witness is your deepest relationship.”

Our strategy is to build a bridge to them, from our heart to theirs, and then let Christ walk over that bridge to them.

The churches would soon be filled if outsiders could find that people in them loved them when they came. This love draws sinners. We must win them to us first, then we can win them to Christ. We must get people to love us then turn them over to Christ. - D.L. Moody

* ‘Have You Heard of the Four Spiritual Laws?’ Written by Bill Bright. © 1965-2013 Bright Media Foundation® & Campus Crusade for Christ, International®

<https://campusministry.org/docs/tools/FourSpiritualLaws.pdf>



GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT ALL PEOPLES CHURCH

All Peoples Church is a Jesus-loving, Word-focused, Spirit-filled, family church, an equipping center, a missions base, and a world outreach.

As a **family church**, we grow together as a community in Christ-centered fellowship, caring for and serving each other in love, as the assembly of God.

As an **equipping center**, we empower and equip every believer to live victoriously, mature into Christlikeness and fulfill God’s purposes for their lives.

As a **missions base**, we engage in meaningful ministry to bless our city, nation and the nations with the full Gospel of Jesus Christ through the Word of God and supernatural demonstrations of the power of the Holy Spirit.

As a **world outreach**, we serve locally and globally by nurturing godly leaders and Spirit-filled churches who can impact their regions for the Kingdom of God.

The vision of All Peoples Church is to be salt and light in the city of Bangalore and a voice to the nation of India and to the nations.

USEFUL LINKS

Online Sunday Church services are livestreamed every Sunday at 10:30 am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit-filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>