

ONE ANOTHER

Greet One Another

WEEK 1

Read Aloud

Passage for this week: **Romans 16:1-16**.

Head (15–20 minutes)

OBSERVE THE TEXT AND THE AUTHOR'S MAIN POINTS

- How does Paul seem to know the people mentioned in his closing greetings?
- What is Paul's tone as he reflects on these relationships?

Heart (15–20 minutes)

ENVISION HOW THE TEXT—WHEN APPLIED—MIGHT TRANSFORM YOUR INNER LIFE IN TERMS OF YOUR THOUGHTS, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIORS

- What is a meaningful greeting to a fellow Christian today? How might you move from a superficial encounter to meaningful fellowship?
- Read John 4:7-10 and Hebrews 13:1-3. How might these passages inform how you greet strangers or people you do not know well?

Hands (10 minutes)

APPLY THE TEXT BY MOVING FROM INWARD REFLECTION TO OUTWARD ACTION LOOKING FOR WAYS TO LIVE THE TEXT OUT IN OUR LIVES TO SERVE OTHERS

Reaching Upwards: Growing in Your Relationship with God

- Read John 4:1-26 (the story of the woman at the well) during a quiet time this week. Explore how you can engage further with people you aren't supposed to engage with because of differences in background or viewpoints in light of the passage.

Reaching Outward: Investing in Your Neighbors

- Think of a greeting or opening question that goes deeper than talking about the weather and practice it on three people you see this week.
- Visit a neighbor who seems removed or shut in.