Friendliness Audit

Sometimes we aren’t even aware of how we view people, either positively or negatively. As a personal assessment of how welcoming you and your church already are, put an O by the descriptions that best convey the people you would like to attend your church, and put an X by the people you don’t think would receive a warm welcome at your church.

_____ Female who is not fashionably dressed
_____ Hispanic
_____ Articulate, well-educated person
_____ Person with mentally disability
_____ Male with earring in one ear
_____ Someone especially talkative
_____ Lower-income male
_____ Older female
_____ A smoker
_____ Bible reader
_____ Person with cancer
_____ Single male over 30
_____ Single female over 30
_____ Asian
_____ Family on public assistance
_____ Unemployed male
_____ Person very quiet and meek
_____ Family with crying baby at worship service
_____ African-American
_____ Unmarried pregnant teenager
_____ Divorced female
_____ Former felon
_____ Person in wheelchair
_____ Persons with hygiene problems
_____ Couple living together, not married
_____ A recovering alcoholic
_____ Person testing HIV-positive
_____ An obese female

_____ Single male under 30
_____ An interracial couple
_____ Person who sings in a monotone voice
_____ Retired persons
_____ An obese male
_____ Lower-income female
_____ Middle Eastern
_____ Musician
_____ Teacher
_____ Native American
_____ New Ager
_____ Agnostic
_____ Political liberal
_____ Teenager
_____ Immigrant
_____ Banker
_____ Person with bad breath
_____ Older single male
_____ Homosexual couple
_____ Non-English speaking person
_____ Person with unkempt hair
_____ Political conservative
_____ Blended family
_____ Charismatic
_____ Woman who dresses provocatively
_____ Person who sings operatically

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