



Kindness

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Journey Group Questions

- 1) **Would you consider yourself a “kind” person?** Discuss this with your Journey Group.
- 2) **Pastor Josiah talked about how kindness is not “love” or “niceness.”** Do you make this same distinction? What are some traits or characteristics of a “nice” person that are different than that of a “kind” person. Additionally, discuss what makes kindness different than “love” in the general sense. Do you see a difference? Why or why not? Discuss this with your Journey Group.
- 3) **Read Ephesians 4:32 and 1 Peter 3:8.** That beautiful word translated “tenderhearted” is only found twice in the NT. How would you explain a person that is tenderhearted? What would be the qualities or examples associated with a tenderhearted person?
- 4) **Read Ruth 1 and 2.** Ruth as beautiful example of kindness being “purest in private.” How did Ruth show kindness toward Naomi? Even though she had no ulterior motives, how was that kindness rewarded?
- 5) **What makes kindness “purest in private?”** How does it reflect the integrity of your public life as a Christian? Discuss this with your Journey Group.
- 6) **Pastor Josiah discussed the topic of listening.** It’s so easy to dismiss or ignore people closest to us—internally begging the question: “Is this really *that* important...to me?” Kindness doesn’t ask that question. Kindness seek to understand and truly listen, showing care and compassion for all those in its path. How are you at listening? What would others say—your spouse, your kids, your coworkers, your friends? Discuss this with your Journey Group.
- 7) **Read 2 Samuel 9 and Romans 12:21.** Pastor Josiah’s mom was quoted as saying “You’re responsible for you.” We cannot control the behavior or decisions of anyone else—especially if they decide to hurt, offend, or be unkind to us. What does being kind to an unkind person look like in real life? Share some personal examples with your group.
- 8) **Read Titus 3:4-5a and Romans 2:3-4.** Jesus came to save the unkind people; that includes you and I—all Christians—as well all those that don’t yet know Jesus. God’s Kindness is a beautiful gift—not to be used as a weapon or as an excuse to pass judgement. How does being a person marked by kindness bring Christ to the world?