

Small Group Questions: Kindness

Series: Set the Tone

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Read

Colossians 3:12; Hosea 12:6; Micah 6:8; Titus 3:4-5a; Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 28:2; Matthew 15:10-11; Romans 2:4; Ephesians 4:32; Deuteronomy 7:9; Ephesians 2:4-8; Philippians 4:5

Reflect

Paul wrote to the Colossians about the way God's people should live. He said, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience." What is Kindness?

Pastor Josh Walters highlights the following:

1. An attribute of God.

- a. God saved us through his mercy. What Bible verses describe his mercy?
- b. Why was the song "Pride of a Father" selected for this week?
- c. In Deuteronomy 7:9, God keeps "...his covenant of love to a thousand generations..." How can we share kindness with other generations?

2. A fruit of the spirit.

- a. Discuss the differences between being nice and being kind. Why is kindness more challenging?
- b. Discuss an experience that moved you to become more like Christ. For example, how did Serve Day impact you?

3. An action.

- a. Read and discuss the Bible verses provided. What is a key takeaway that you can apply to your own life?

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them." **Matthew 15:10-11**

- b. Discuss today's television programming and social media culture. What television show or social media platform do you watch/use regularly? Discuss actions of kindness exhibited across the programming or feed?
- c. How are you able to maintain kindness through all the current noise in our climate?

4. I can be a kind person when I...

- a. Discuss the sacrifices police, firefighters, and the military make each day. How can you help make their lives easier?
- b. God never gives up on us. Sometimes the best way to repent is by not giving up on relationships or tasks that are difficult. What have you recently given up on that you might want to revisit?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?