

Sermon Discussion Guide

“Kindness”

October 11, 2020

Opening/Introduction

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon this week?

Read Luke 10:25-37

2. What might have been the reasons the priest and Levite passed by the injured man? Why do you think Jesus chose religious people to be the “villains” of the story? What point might he be wanting to make in doing so?
3. Why did Jesus choose a Samaritan to be the “hero” of this story? What does that teach you about who is your neighbor?
4. Think of how we defined kindness in the sermon. Share all the ways the Good Samaritan showed kindness to the injured man.
5. Jesus often left his parables rather open-ended and he does so again here. Why might that be? What lesson is there for us about showing kindness to others?

Read Romans 2:1-5

The context of this passage has to do with people who pass judgment on others when they are just as guilty of offending God with their own actions. The only one who can pass judgment is God, and yet he has shown us kindness and patience in order to lead us to repentance.

6. What does that teach you about God’s desire for humanity?
7. What does that teach you about how you are to treat others who are living in sin?

Application/Understanding

8. List the number of ways you have experienced the kindness of the Lord in your life. What effect does that have on how ready you are to show kindness to others?
9. In your culture, what does kindness look like in practice? Is there any difference between kindness as fruit of the Spirit, and just ordinary “being nice”?
10. What passages of the Bible encourage people to show kindness to one another?

Prayer

Share any praises, burdens, or concerns you have with the group. Spend time praying for one another. Continue to pray for each other throughout the week.