

10. Read Galatians 5:22. Why are we dependent on the Holy Spirit to show kindness to one another?

What is a more likely default trait for you to express?

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. First Corinthians 10:31 tells us to do everything for the glory of God. How would that approach to daily life lead you to be a kinder person?

12. What are some things in our lives that cause us to neglect a life of kindness?

How should living among a community of Jesus followers help us fight off those sinful tendencies?

13. Who do you need to show kindness to this week, and how will you do that? Make a commitment to show kindness to them, and pray for the opportunity.

Prayer Requests

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AT THE FORGE



October 15, 2017

Kindness:

Random Acts are Never Enough
Colossians 3:12-14; Mark 5:21-40

If I am to be kind, like Jesus, I ought to . . .

. . . see e_____ as someone of s_____

. . . treat everyone with h_____ and r_____

. . . want to leave every p_____ I encounter peace and not p_____

. . . urgently desire to g_____ a bit of h_____ to every person I meet

. . . [bonus] not just see kindness as a sequence of r_____, a_____,
but a way of l_____.

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

OCTOBER 15, 2017

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Pastor Michael preached on kindness Sunday. What are some things that would make you recognize kindness in someone else?

2. Kindness is one of those character traits that may be easier defined by what it is not. What are some ways a kind person *does not* act or treat others?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ EPHESIANS 4:31-32

3. In verse 31, Paul listed five sins that should have no place in the Christian's life. What do these sins have in common?

4. Paul then calls Christians to "be kind and compassionate to one another." How does practicing kindness help us avoid the sins Paul mentioned previously?

5. When you reflect on the kindness God has shown you, what do you learn about how and to whom you need to be kind?

6. How has God shown His kindness to us? Read Romans 2:4 and think back to this weekend's sermon to aid in your discussion.

7. People often equate kindness with being nice, but the kindness Jesus modeled goes well beyond that. What is the difference between kindness and being nice?

8. In addition to the story we heard on Sunday, what is another example that comes to mind where we see the kindness of Jesus on display?

What does Jesus' story teach you about godly kindness in action?

9. God showed us kindness when we least deserved it, and oftentimes the same is expected from us. How do we express kindness to difficult people?

Without going into details, use a difficult relationship in your life as a point of reference for you—what would being kind to that person entail?