

Week 5 KINDNESS May 9, 2021

Scriptures

- Psalm 103
- Galatians 6:1-10
- Ruth 1:8-9; 2:11-12, 19-20; 3:10-13; 4:13-17
- Ephesians 2:4-10
- Joshua 2:8-14

Sermon Discussion Questions 2 Samuel 9:1-13

- How is David's kindness to Mephibosheth like God's kindness to us?
- In what ways have you experienced the kindness of God?
- In our culture, what does kindness look like in practice? Is there a difference between kindness as fruit of the Spirit and ordinary "being nice"? What differences do you see between the kindness of Jesus and "niceness"?
- In what way have you experienced God's kindness through a person you did not know? How were you impacted by their kindness?
- David took risks showing kindness to Mephibosheth. What risks do we take when we express kindness to people?
- How does acknowledging the ways the Lord has shown kindness to you impact your readiness to show kindness to others?

Reflection/Application Questions

- Describe your most profound experience(s) of God's kindness toward you.
- When have you shown kindness to someone you did not know? Why did you show kindness?
- Think back over the past twenty-four hours. How aware were you of the needs and well-being of the people around you? What prevents or causes your awareness?
- What is something kind you could have done recently and did not? How does this impact you?
- In what ways have you been forgetful about the Lord's kindness? How have you been intentional about remembering God's kindness to you?
- Who in your life needs some kindness, time, and attention? If so, what can you do? In what ways can you show the Lord's kindness to them?

CULTIVATE:

- Each day this week, ask the Lord for opportunities to show kindness by asking: Where can I give a smile or a word of appreciation? Who can I thank today? What will I do if I meet someone in need? (Am I prepared in advance to try to help if I can? Have I got some money or a snack ready to give?) Live with your eyes and ears open. Be ready to respond in the moment and act on what you see and hear. Refuse to wonder or delay, obey how the Lord prompts.
- List the ways you have experienced the kindness of the Lord and others in your life. Thank and praise God for His kindness to you.
- Make a list of Christians you know who might be perceived as lowly by those in our culture. Pray for them daily this week.
- Pray that others will see the kindness of God in you. Pray especially for friends who do not know Christ, that they will be attracted to Him through your kindness.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxEpTHkIF00>