



KINDNESS AND GOODNESS

GET TALKING

Share some examples, or descriptions, of how our culture identifies kindness and goodness. How would most people describe someone who is kind or full of goodness?

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Key thing to remember – God alone is good and it's from His Good nature that true kindness is expressed through us.

- Kindness is serving others to meet their actual needs.
- Goodness is a quality of God that is consistent in all situations.

Big Idea: God's goodness is expressed through consistent kindness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Choose 2 or 3)

1. As you listened to the message what stood out to you? What challenged you?
2. Take some time to find several acts of kindness in the Bible. Describe the situation: who's involved, what happened, what impact it had. What motivated the individuals to be kind? Did the examples line up with the definitions above?
3. Read Luke 10:30-35. Consider the perspective of each person that came upon the half-dead man stripped of all he had, one at a time.
 - a. Ask these questions:
 - What did he see? (How did he interpret the situation – who the man was, what could be done, etc.?)
 - What may have caused him to respond the way he did? (what was driving his emotions and decision making?)
 - b. In what ways can we see people respond today like the priest and Levite? How about the Samaritan?
 - c. What keeps people from showing kindness today? When do you most often see acts of kindness?
4. Part of the real meaning of this parable in Luke 10 is that it's not enough for us just to know the Word of God, but to be intentional about doing what God expects of us. We are unable as humans to do this 100% of the time on our own. We need Jesus and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. What are some obstacles that keep you from letting God's goodness be expressed through consistent kindness in your life?
5. Romans 2:4 says, "Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" What may you need to repent of in order to start seeing people like God sees them and love them as God loves them?



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NEXT STEPS

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27

What will you do this week to:

- Love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind (in other words, be centered on Him)?
- Love your neighbor (someone you would not ordinarily show kindness to)?

Make a plan, share it with others in your group, then follow through. Be ready to share next week how it went.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, You are so good all of the time. Thank you for the consistent way you love us! Please forgive us for the way we judge situations, and others, that keep us from showing your goodness and kindness to others. Help us to have eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to love as you do. May we take steps to grow in our relationship with You Lord, so Your goodness is expressed through consistent kindness in our lives. In Jesus loving name, Amen.