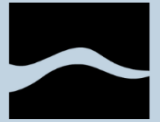


SERMON NOTES

CULTIVATING KINDNESS

Selected Scriptures



BIG IDEA: God has shown kindness out of compassion for our needs and despite our sins, and we should show kindness to others in Jesus' name.

APPLICATION GUIDE

October 1, 2023

DISCUSS

How do you define kindness? Are there any specific examples that come to mind?

What does kindness have to do with the character of God?

Is there any difference between kindness as a fruit of the Spirit and just “being nice”?

Pick one or two of the following passages from Matthew’s gospel and discuss what we can learn about the kindness of Jesus (9:35-38; Mt 14:13-21; Mt 18:21-35; Mt 20:29-34).

APPLY

List the number of ways you have experienced the kindness of the Lord in your life.

How does this list help prepare you to show kindness to others?

What do the following passages say about showing kindness to others (Proverbs 19:17; Matthew 6:35; Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 3:8-9)?

Pick one of these passages and commit it to memory.

COMMIT

Identify someone who would benefit from your kindness and answer the following questions. What would you do for this person if you were Christ? What would you do for them if they were Christ?