

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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...to be Kind – Romans 2:1-4

Discussion Points

January 31, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Read Romans 2:1-4. Why does Paul make the point of God's kindness that leads to repentance (perhaps larger context of Paul's argument will help: Romans 1:18-2:16).
2. Look for Bible passages that speak about showing kindness to one another? Is there a reason given for acting in such a way? Is kindness optional?

Explore

3. What does kindness look like? Can it look different in other cultures or settings? What might be the difference between kindness as "fruit of the Spirit" and just ordinary "niceness?"
4. When have you been surprised by the kindness of another person? What kind of impact did it have on you?

<input type="checkbox"/> It impressed me	<input type="checkbox"/> It seemed fake and turned me off
<input type="checkbox"/> It moved me to tears	<input type="checkbox"/> It led me to act with kindness
<input type="checkbox"/> It gave me a different perspective	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5. How have you experienced the kindness of God? What kind of impact did it have on you? What made you notice his kindness, do you think?
6. What does the interconnectedness of kindness with other virtues listed say about how the Fruit of the Spirit works in our lives?
7. How has the kindness of another – or of God – changed you? Is there a specific instance when this happened?
8. What could you do that would celebrate kindness?

<input type="checkbox"/> Look for it in the actions of others	<input type="checkbox"/> Be attentive for the kindness of God
<input type="checkbox"/> Surprise someone with kindness	<input type="checkbox"/> Thank God for his kindness by: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Pray

- ✝ Pray Psalm 103 as a way of acknowledging God's kindness that he has shown to you.
- ✝ Pray for a situation in your life that could perhaps use kindness as a healing balm.

