



WEEK 6: KINDNESS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

God's kindness is more than simple politeness or being nice. Scripture shows us that kindness flows from His character and is one of the clearest evidences of a life transformed by Christ. God's kindness leads us to repentance, restores us when we fail, and continually meets us with grace. As followers of Jesus, we are called to extend the same kindness we have received from God to others.

This week we'll look at Jonathan's relationship with David in **1 Samuel 18**. Jonathan chose to love and honor David even when it cost him personally. He was humble, selfless, and rooted in genuine love. This is an example of how people can be live sacrificially toward one another, due to kindness and love.

KEY VERSES

Look up theses additional verses:

1 Samuel 18:1-3 (NIV)

Romans 2:4 (NIV)

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Receiving God's Kindness

Recognizing God's kindness toward you becomes the greatest example we can use to show kindness to others.

- a. When you think about God's kindness toward you, what comes to mind first?
- b. How has experiencing God's grace changed the way you view yourself or others?

2

Biblical Example

Jonathan loved David deeply, even though David's success would eventually cost Jonathan his place as heir to the throne.

- a. In **1 Samuel 18**, what stands out to you about Jonathan's kindness toward David?
- b. Why do you think kindness can become difficult when it costs us something?

3

Kindness Beyond Confidence

It's easy to be kind when people are easy to love. Scripture often calls us to go further.

- a. Who is easiest for you to show kindness to? Who is hardest?
- b. What do you think gets in the way of showing kindness consistently?

4

Kindness as an Example

Jesus teaches that serving "the least of these" is like serving Him.

- a. How do acts of kindness influence the people around us?
- b. Has someone's kindness ever made you more open to hearing about God? What happened?

Kindness is not just words we say, but words we live out.

- a. What is one practical way God may be inviting you to show kindness this week?
- b. How would your relationships change if kindness became your first response instead of frustration, judgment, or indifference?

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Reflection Questions: Pat Morley writes, *"The height of our love for God will never exceed the depth of our love for one another."*

- Do you think our treatment of others accurately reflects our love for God? Why or why not?
- Where is God inviting you to grow in compassion, patience, or kindness toward someone right now?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Helpful practical habits that might follow the theme of curriculum.

Living Kindly—This week, recognize:

- Where you struggle to be kind.
- Listen to Him how you can walk in kindness there.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen closely to Him, hearing how He leads you to kindness in every part of your life.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV), *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

Let the group rest in this encouragement as you close together in prayer.

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