

HUMBLE & HUNGRY

WEEK 3 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- **When and what did you do to get into the most trouble as a kid? How did your parents respond?**
- **Describe a time when you experienced kindness from someone and did not deserve it. How did their kindness affect you?**

CONSIDER

- **What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?**

CHRIST

Read Luke 23:39-43 together.

- **The last place you would think to find kindness and compassion would be the Roman torture device of crucifixion. But, Jesus shows kindness to a criminal and ultimately all of us. **When you think of someone having kindness and compassion, who do you know that comes to mind? Why?****
- **How would you define kindness?** Write down your answers as a group and come up with a definition.
- **Read the following passages: Proverbs 11:17, Matthew 5:43-45, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 2:6-7, Colossians 3:12. **What do you learn about kindness? What phrase/ideas stand out to you? Does this expand your definition of kindness?****

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Read Titus 3:3-7

- Paul, Timothy, & Titus went to the island of Crete to preach the Gospel. Paul & Timothy eventually left for Macedonia and Titus stayed behind to establish the new church on Crete. Paul writes to the Cretians about their life before Christ in verse 3. Write down the characteristics that he lists. **Which of these characteristics resonates with you and your life before you knew Christ? Where might you be today if not for God's kindness?**
- Kindness is not a natural thing. It develops from the supernatural work of God in our lives. Often negativity, anger and impatience are more natural for us than kindness. **How do these things counteract kindness? Is there an area of your life or someone you are currently struggling to show kindness to?**
- "How you make others feel about themselves, says a lot about you." (Author Unknown) **How does this quote impact you? How does it connect to living out your faith?**
- Author Shanti Feldhahn writes, "carrying out kindness means doing a small act of generosity for someone else; overcoming our tendency to be selfish, inattentive, busy, impatient, or focused on our own needs; and doing it without expecting appreciation or anything in return."¹ **With this quote in mind, What steps do you need to take to deepen kindness in your life?**

CALLING

- If there is someone in your life you are struggling to show kindness to, commit to praying for them this week. Ask God to soften your heart towards them and to find ways (small or big) to show kindness.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with the *Humble & Hungry* devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12 (NIV)
- **Further Study:** The Kindness Challenge by Shanti Feldhahn

¹ Shanti Feldhahn, *The Kindness Challenge* (Waterbrook, 2016).