

Love is Kind - 1 Cor. 13:4-8 - 2 Sam. 9:1-13

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To be an un-loving Christian – is to be a
_____ in terms

Romans 2:4 - God's kindness is intended to lead you to
_____.

You and I live in a culture that's devoid of
_____ – On one extreme is

God never calls us to be _____ – He calls us to
be _____

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew – and the
Hebrew word for Kindness here is _____

1. Kindness has a higher _____

2. Kindness restores _____

3. Kindness _____

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails”

CONNECT GROUP

ICEBREAKER—Have you ever had anyone honk at you in traffic? Have you ever honked at someone? Have you ever had a total stranger pay for your meal, coffee, etc. Have you ever done the same?

APPLY THE BIBLE - Read Colossians 3:12—how do you apply that to your life?

Q1—What does “Love is Kind” mean? And how is Kindness different than Niceness? What examples from your own life can you share?

Q2—If your kindness to others is rooted in their performance, what will be the result?

Q3—How does kindness help us reach people with the gospel? How does that relate to human dignity?

Q4—Jeremiah 31:3 (read it) - What does that verse teach us about God's desire for us? How does He do that?

Barry H. Corey "love KINDNESS":

“Our increasingly shrill sounds in the public square are not strengthening our witness but weakening it. Bullhorns and fist shaking – mustering armies and using war-waging rhetoric – are far less effective than the way of kindness, treating those with whom we disagree with charity and civility. That doesn't mean we don't stand courageously for what we deem right, true, and just. But kindness is not incompatible with courage. Kindness embodies courage, although courage does not always embody kindness. Too often our centers are firm on conviction, but our edges are also hard in our tactics. This way is characterized by aggression. And on the other hand there is the way of 'niceness' Whereas aggression has a firm center and hard edges, niceness has soft edges and a spongy center. Niceness may be pleasant, but it lacks conviction. It has no soul.”

CHANCE TO SERVE

Have you and your group determined how you will serve during LOVE WEEK? Discuss what kinds of events would fit your Group. Yes, you can participate in more than one outreach if that works for your Group! Thank you for your hearts of compassion towards our “neighbors.”