

May 28/29, 2022

**The Good and Beautiful Life
"Kindness"**

The Scripture: Psalm 23:5-6, Micah 6:8, Titus 3-7

Big Idea: A world of outrage calls for kindness.

The Challenge:

How do we stand out in our culture? It probably won't be because of our theological acumen (although important), but because of our kindness. How is the Spirit empowering you to live this virtue out in your life right now?

Pastor Chris' Prayer for this Message:

As a church we would be a counter-cultural witness to the kindness of God in our lives.

Questions for Discussion:

1. The World is Not Kind

- How are you currently experiencing our unkind world?
- How do Christians unthoughtfully participate in our world of outrage?
- What comes more naturally to a person, selfishness, or kindness? How do you know?

2. God is Kind

- Psalm 23:5-6: How have you experienced the pursuing kindness of God in your life? How about this week?
- Micah 6:8: God requires us to be kind and yet the witness of the Old Testament is that Israel was not able to live up to this. How does sin affect our ability to be kind (and selfless)?
- Titus 3:3-5a: What was your life like before Christ? How has Christ changed your life into what it is now? How would other people describe your transformation journey?

3. We are Empowered to Be Kind – Galatians 5:22-23

- Can you think of a time where you were empowered to be kind when everything in you wanted to not be? What happened?

4. The World Needs Kindness

- True kindness is expressed when we are called to suffer for someone else. How does Richard Wurmbrand's story of giving his blanket to another prisoner challenge your view of what being kind looks like?

Application:

Who can I thank today?

Where can I give a smile or a word of appreciation?

What will I do if I meet someone in need?

Who can I show the kindness of the Lord to?

Who needs encouragement around me?