

CULTIVATING *Character*

Message 5 Kindness

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Outline

► But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**... **Galatians 5:22 (NLT)**

Kindness = _____ and

_____ for others

... Be **kind** to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)**

Kindness is an...

1. Expression of God's _____.
(Luke 6:35. C/R: Romans 11:22; 1 Peter 2:3)

2. Essential for my _____.
(Romans 2:4. C/R: Titus 3:4-5)

3. Evidence of my _____.
(Ephesians 2:7. C/R: 2 Corinthians 6:6;
Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:12)

Answers: concern, consideration 1. nature 2. salvation 3. conversion

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. Carve out time to reflect, learn and talk with God. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starters

When you think of kindness, what comes to mind?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

1. What can we learn about kindness from the following passages?
 - a. [Luke 6:27-36](#)
 - b. [Titus 3:4-8](#)
 - c. [Ephesians 4:31-32](#)
2. How is it possible to respond in kindness to someone who has mistreated you (e.g., betrayal, dishonesty, offensiveness, etc.)?
3. Have you ever received kindness from a total stranger? How were you affected by that act of kindness?
4. What do you think it would be like to never experience God's kindness?
5. Think of someone you know who especially needs kindness right now. What one step could you take today to offer kindness to that person?
6. How have you felt God's blessing as a result of being kind to others?

7. What might make you weary and tempted to give up as you express kindness to those in need?
8. Besides giving you salvation, what are some other ways God has shown you kindness? Make a list and spend time thanking God for His kindness.
9. What struck you most from this week's teaching?

For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Soul Training

Each day this week, stop and consider one particular way God has been kind to you. Spend time thanking Him for His kindness, and ask Him to help you become more like Him.

If you've never experienced God's forgiveness and grace, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Galatians 5:22-23](#) Day 4: [Ephesians 4:31-32](#)
Day 2: [Luke 6:27-36](#) Day 5: [Psalm 145:17-19](#)
Day 3: [Titus 3:4-8](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 13, we'll continue our series *Cultivating Character* with a closer look at GOODNESS. To prepare for the message, read [Psalm 107:1-7](#).



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