

Sermon: Be Kind to One Another.
Series: *One Another*.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29-32.
Date: July 24, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Why do you think kindness is a virtue encouraged by religious and non-religious people alike?
- b) Why does Paul connect kindness in our speech with issues related to our heart (like bitterness, anger, slander, etc. See Eph 4:31)?
- c) Explain how kindness and forgiveness go hand in hand?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Of all the sins we struggle with, why does our lack of kindness grieves the Holy Spirit?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) The more you appreciate the kindness of Jesus to you, the more you will show kindness to others. How can appreciating the gospel enable you to show kindness? (See Matt 18:21-34)
- b) How has God shown his kindness to you personally?

APPLICATION

- a) Is your kindness costly? Does it involve being tender-hearted and forgiving toward others?
- b) Pastor Mark said, "We sin more blatantly at home." Why do you think this is? Is there someone close to you to whom you need to show kindness?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 John 4:7-12.

PRAYER

- Thank God for the Holy Spirit who has sealed you for the day of redemption.
- Confess ways that you have failed to be kind to others in your words, attitudes, and actions.
- Thank Jesus for his tenderhearted, forgiving kindness which he gives by grace.
- Ask God to soften your heart so you can be kind to others regardless of whether they deserve it.