# **Message Notes**

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## **Grow Group Discussion Guide (October 27 – November 2, 2019)**

Scripture Readings: Matthew 5:14-16; Galatians 5:22-23
Message: "Kindness Does"

### **Getting Started**

1. Describe a recent act of kindness you've witnessed.

#### **Growing Deeper**

- 2. The message talked about "showing up." As a group, make a list of different ways you can show up for someone. Is showing up always simple? Why does it take courage to show up?
- 3. When people in our culture think of Christians, do you think they think of kindness? Why or why not?
- 4. Does your own desire to remain in a comfortable or safe place prevent you from responding to those who need you? Describe the impact of your own comfort zone on reaching out to others.
- 5. What's harder: To be kind to those you feel don't deserve it? Or, to be kind to those who take it for granted?
- 6. The Bible calls us to "clothe ourselves in kindness" (Colossians 3:12). How is "clothing ourselves with kindness" different than doing a good deed here and there?
- 7. Our human nature is to ask, "What's in it for me?". How might Jesus' extravagant example of kindness, change the way we interact with others?

#### **Going Home**

8. It's been said that "90% of helping is just showing up." This week's challenge: 1) Consider one way God "shows up" in your week; 2) Consider how someone else "shows up" for you; and 3) Make a conscious effort to "show up" for someone else. Next week be prepared to tell your group the outcome of all 3 challenges.