

Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions: Love is not Rude

How do you feel when a person is rude to you? What does it communicate to you about that person? What is your typical gut reaction?

Think about a time when your arrogance and rudeness have gotten in the way of your ability to love another person. If you're comfortable, share the story with the group. How should you have handled the situation differently?

What is the opposite of rudeness? What makes this positive characteristic often difficult to display?

1. The cultural problem of rudeness?

Do you see a trend towards rudeness in our culture? If so, why is this the case? Discuss the difference between showing respect in terms of cultural observances, and respect in general. How should we approach these differently?

2. Respect God

Person & Power - give an example from the Old Testament where people neglected the person and power of God. What was the consequence? How and why is this different in the New Testament?

Word - What is something you can do to properly show respect to the word of God?

Name - Is it tempting for you to use the name of God inappropriately? What can you do to respect the name of God more.

3. Respect people -

Pastor Jason mentioned several areas where the Bible specifically says to show respect for people. Which ones stood out to you. Re-read 1 Peter 3 - List the people Peter mentions to whom we are to show respect.

4. Show respect with your words. James 3

- Know your influence
- Know the importance of words (Good & Bad)
- Know what your words reflect (Luke 6:45)
- Know the contradiction of rudeness in word and commitment to Christ