

## **Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions: Love is Kind**

1. When the OT describes the character of God it does so repeatedly by using the word “hesed” often translated as lovingkindness. There are many examples of God’s “hesed” throughout the OT. How has God demonstrated “hesed” to you?
  
2. Do you see the American church as struggling with the issue of kindness? Have you had an experience of a lack of kindness within a church and among Christians?
  
3. David’s thought in 2 Samuel 9 was to whom can I show kindness? Have you ever thought about going out of your way to show lovingkindness to someone? To whom can you show kindness?
  
4. Mephibosheth seemed an unlikely candidate for anything good. What led him to Lodebar? How do the circumstances of life often effect where we are and who we become? Have you ever been defined by your circumstances? How do we avoid the trap of hopelessness in difficult times and places?
  
5. How do you think Mephibosheth felt when he heard the king was looking for him? How did Mephibosheth view himself? How do you think he felt when he realized his lot in life had changed? How does this compare to our salvation experience?
  
6. When we attempt to show lovingkindness we must see as God sees, believe redemption is possible for anyone, and trust that God will use our efforts of kindness to bring Him glory.
  
7. Never forget who you were, where you were headed, and your hopeless lot in life before God came looking for you. One way to demonstrate your recognition of redemption is to look for others to show lovingkindness.

Pray that God would help you show lovingkindness this week. To whom can you show kindness? To whom can your family show kindness? To whom can your small group/ Sunday school class show kindness? Ask God to put people in your path and in your mind that need lovingkindness.