



Ruth: Our Story - Kindness

What is kindness? Is it different than just being nice? Which is a more godly trait?

Memory Verse:

Romans 2:4 NLT

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Read: Ruth 1:19-22 - Ruth 2

Ephesians 2:20 NLT

Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

The House should always reflect the heart of the Father. How does hospitality in a church do that?

Discuss this quote, is it biblical?:

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

-Samuel Johnson

Imagine you were in a desperate situation like Ruth and Naomi were in, what would this kindness mean to you?

Boaz's kindness and character created an opportunity for Ruth to find companionship, protection, refreshment, and sustenance for both she and Naomi. What parallels can we see between this and what God has called the Church to provide?

Take some time for careful reflection, on a scale of 1 - 10 (1 being low, 10 being high) how are we doing with showing this kind of kindness/hospitality in our church?

What could we do to be better, to ensure that everyone has a "Welcome Home" experience?

What is your role in that?

Read: Genesis 50:20, 1 Samuel 23:14, Ephesians 2:4-5

Do you have a "But God" story? A time when you didn't know how things would turn out, when you needed something only God could provide? Take some time to share it.

We are not only called to experience the kindness of God in our lives, but to be used by God so that others can experience of it. How does God equip us for that task?

How can we pray for each other?