



Week 2 / As I Grow Older... Am I Growing Kinder? / August 24, 2025

Leader's Opening Question:

"What is one of the kindest things someone has ever done for you—and how did it affect you?"

Sermon Discussion Questions with Prompts

1. Rehoboam's Story

- Read together 1 Kings 11:41 – 12:33. What character traits do you see in Rehoboam compared to Solomon?

2. Rehoboam was given wise advice, but he chose harshness instead of kindness.

- Why do you think leaders (and people in general) often see kindness as weakness?
- *Discussion Prompt:* Ask: "Why do we struggle to believe kindness can actually lead to strength and unity?"

3. The Promise of Kindness

- The sermon reminded us that "Kindness is the most powerful and beneficial action in any situation."
- Have you ever seen a situation where kindness changed the outcome?
- *Discussion Prompt:* Read Proverbs 11:17. "Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves."
- Ask: "What relationships in your life could benefit right now from a kinder approach?"

4. The Person of Kindness (honesty, listening, compassion, trust).

- Which of these four aspects of kindness comes naturally for you? Which is most challenging?

- *Discussion Prompt:* Invite sharing: “Can you tell a story where someone’s honesty, listening, or compassion deeply impacted you?”
- Ask: “What is one small, practical step you could take this week to grow as a kinder person?”

5. Jesus, the Greater King.

- Rehoboam failed because he did not trust the power of kindness, but Jesus leads with perfect kindness.
- Read Titus 3:4–5: “*When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us...*”
- Ask: “How has Jesus shown you His kindness personally? How does His kindness empower you to show kindness to others?”
- Wrap-up: “What is one act of kindness you can commit to this week in light of Christ’s kindness to you?” How will you prompt yourself to remember this?

Bonus Discussion Question: Read 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 intended to turn you from your sin?”

When you think about God’s kindness, patience, and tolerance toward you personally (just this week alone), how does that move you—does it draw you closer to Him, or do you sometimes take it for granted? Why? How could this change your thinking about God’s kindness towards you and the way you approach him in pray?