

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. Do you have people in your life that are holy sandpaper to you?
2. How do we remind ourselves that people have hidden hurts?
3. Who are you not honoring that you need a shift in perspective?

The Power of Honor – Treating Everyone With Honor **Pastor Kerry Shook – November 6th, 2022**

“Remind the people to respect the government and be law-abiding, always ready to lend a helping hand. No insults, no fights. God's people should be bighearted and courteous. Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient; we were misled by others and became slaves to many evil pleasures and wicked desires. Our lives were full of resentment and envy. We hated others and they hated us. But when the time came for the kindness and love of God our Savior to appear, then He saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of His kindness and pity—by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us with wonderful fullness—and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did so that He could declare us good in God's eyes—all because of His great kindness; and now we can share in the wealth of the eternal life He gives us, and we are eagerly looking forward to receiving it. These things I have told you are all true. Insist on them so that Christians will be careful to do good deeds all the time, for this is not only right, but it brings results.” Titus 3:1-2; 3-8 (MSG/TLB)

- **GOD CREATED EVERYONE SO DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ANYONE**

“Yet You made them inferior only to Yourself; You crowned them with glory and honor.”

Psalm 8:5 (GNT)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.’” Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

- **LOOK DEEPER AND SEE SOMEONE CHRIST DIED FOR**

“When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.” Titus 3:4-5 (NLT)

- **HONOR GOD BY RESPECTING AUTHORITY**

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“Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”

1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)

“Pray for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior.” 1 Timothy 2:2-3 (NCV)

- **HOLD ON TO THE TRUTH BUT DON'T HATE ANYONE**

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“Be sure your love is true love. Hate what is sinful. Hold on to whatever is good.” Romans 12:9 (NLV)

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first.” John 15:18 (NIV)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your friends, hate your enemies.’ But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For He makes His sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that!” Matthew 5:43-46 (GNT)

“... So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.”

1 Corinthians 13:3b (MSG)