



Discipleship Guide Taste & See: Kindness Galatians 5:22-26

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
 - How are you living up with God?
 - How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
 - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Micah 6:8

Micah asks of God's people, who have confused participation in religious activities with God's goodness, an important question. Read Micah 6:8.

- What does God require of God's people?
- Do your actions reflect this way of life? Do the actions of our church?
- Do the tone of our actions reflect the heart that God desires in us?
- Have you done the right thing but for the wrong reason? Have you done the right thing but done it in the wrong way?

Galatians 5:22-26 & 4:8-9

Paul is asking the church to think about the life and actions that demonstrate their faith.

- Do you think that Christianity would have nearly the same amount of criticism from our community and nation if our actions were done with the fruit of the Spirit?
- Why is it important for the HOW to match the WHAT of our actions?
- Makoto Fujimura says: "If you win the culture wars, you still lose. You poison the land and destroy the seeds." How might each of us consider our actions in light of the fruit of the Spirit?
- How might our lives, our church, be a beacon of kindness in a world fueled by suspicion and anger?
- Describe one relationship that could find healing or wholeness or a change in tone if you practiced kindness.
- How is God kind with you? With us?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?