

SERMON SERIES: THE DIFFERENCE HE MAKES

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“The Difference He Makes: KINDNESS”

Introduction

We are in our series, The Difference He Makes, this week and continuing to learn about the difference Jesus makes by looking at the fruits of the Spirit. Last week we talked about how we can have Christ-like patience through perseverance. This week we are going to look at the kindness of Jesus and how it makes a difference in our lives now.

- Do you have a funny story of a time someone was kind to you?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 7:36-50.

- Why is the perfume in this story significant?
- What might verse 47 mean when it says that those who have been forgiven of much will show much love?
- How does this passage help us understand who Jesus is?
- In verse 50, why does Jesus tell the woman her faith has saved her?

Go Deeper

This story is recounted in each of the four gospels. Read through this story in each of the gospels, creating a list of similarities and differences between each account. Ask questions like, “Does one account emphasize something more than the others?” or “Which words are repeated often?”

Read through this story in:

- Matthew 26:6–13
- Mark 14:3–9
- Luke 7:36–50
- John 12:1–8

Talk About It

- When is it easy to be kind? When is it hard? Why?
- How have you experienced the kindness of Jesus in your life?
- To be kind to people we have to see people. Who in your life needs to be seen?
- What would it look like if you dedicated yourself to showing Christ-like kindness each day? How would it affect your life?

Wrap Up

Reminder: What is keeping me from being kind to this person?

Challenge: This week, choose one day that you know you will meet and be around a lot of people. Commit to showing Christ-like kindness to each person you see for that entire day. At the end of the day, say a prayer asking God to give you strength to be kind like Jesus each day.