

Fruit of the Spirit

Pursue Kindness

Welcome/Prayer

The Cat in the Hat

IceBreaker

As people enter, get them to each write down 1 question on a note card. The question can be about anything...from movies to quantum physics. When they are done writing out their question, they should fold it in half and drop it in a hat sitting close by.

When it comes time to play the game, the leader hands the hat to one person and they draw out a card. They read the question out loud and have 20 seconds to answer it. (They do not put their card back in.)

Then they pass the hat to someone else, and they draw out a card. They also have 20 seconds to answer the question.

Discussion

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:3; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 7:9-10; Luke 6:33-36

- Reflect on the last week, when was a time you can remember someone doing a kind act toward you? What did you think about the kindness shown to you?
- What type of kindness does David describe? (2 Samuel 9:3)
 - What does the kindness of God look like?
 - Where do we see God's kindness in action?
- There are three requirements in Micah 6. Why is kindness selected as an action required by God? (Micah 6:8)
 - Do we generally place kindness at the level God does in this passage?
- Who is kindness to be directed toward? (Zechariah 7:9-10)
 - How can this be difficult?
 - Is there anything about our society that inhibits the giving and receiving of kindness?
- Christians were called "the kind ones" in the early centuries because of the similar Greek words for kind and Christ.
 - Are Christians today likely to be identified by those around them as "the kind ones"?
 - What are some obstacles to us being identified by kindness?
 - Are there limitations to our kindness to the world? If so, what are the limitations?
- How can a life of kindness be seen as something different? (Luke 6:33-36)
 - What is the difference between the kindness of a Christ-follower and the kindness of a "sinner"?
- How will others be able to see this difference in our lives and the life of the congregation?

Take it With You Question

Most of us are surrounded everyday by people who perform service for us. We could (and largely do) ignore them as simply doing what they have to do. But why not express gratitude and kindness to them in a small way this week that acknowledges that our lives are richer because of them.

Closing:

Final Prayer