

2 Samuel 9:1-7 — Kindness (Galatians 5:22)

As we seek to partner with the Spirit to make room for His fruit to grow, consider:

- If we saw each person we met as Christ, what would we do for them? And if we were really being Christlike to each person, how might we react differently?
- Perhaps, in thinking on this topic, some opportunities come to mind you've missed or perhaps you're resentful of this challenge. Upon reflection, is there a need to repent and ask for God's forgiveness and help in growing in this area, especially if it involves people we struggle with?
- Finally, what does kindness beyond expectation (as the fruit of the spirit) look like in practise in your daily life?

Additional Questions – choose 2-3 to further your thinking.

- What part of the sermon stood out as important to you this week? Why?
- Think of people who have been especially kind to you. In what ways have you benefited from their kindness?
- Think of a Meohibosheth in your own life (bear in mind that we are all 'lame' in some ways). As a Christian, what reasons do you have for showing kindness to that person and what practical ways could you do this?
- In Romans 2:1-5, why is judgment contrasted with kindness, and how does it help to define what kindness is?
- According to the Apostle Paul, what is Godly kindness meant to achieve?
- Consequently, when you show kindness toward another, perhaps even someone who normally would warrant judgment, what effect can you expect your act of kindness to have?
- Read Titus 3:3-8. List the ways this passage shows us the kindness of God? (what are the evidences of God's kindness?)
- How does the kindness of God prepare us to be kind to others?
- As a Christian we have been showered with blessings from the King. Take some time to just bask in the kindness God has shown you.