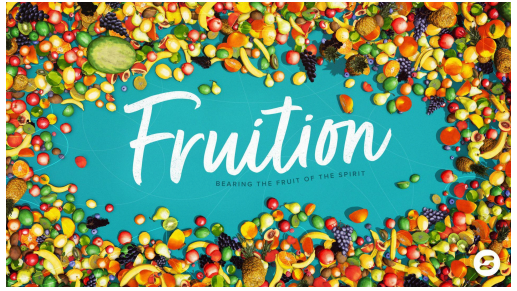


STUDY GUIDE

August 11

STAY IN THE LOOP

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START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Ask God for the power of His Holy Spirit in our lives. Where we have been hurt or taken advantage of, that we would be able to move forward in forgiveness and mercy. Pray that God will give us compassionate hearts and enable us to live out the fruit of the Spirit of kindness in our everyday lives.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Galatians 5:22-23

Jeremiah 9:24

Psalms 86:5

Luke 6:35

Luke 10:30-35

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. Reflecting on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, how does Jesus redefine kindness and compassion in this story compared to societal norms of his time? How does this challenge our own

understanding of kindness today?

2. Kindness is more than a feeling; it requires action. What are some practical ways we can move from feeling compassion towards others to actively demonstrating kindness in our daily lives? Share examples from your own experiences or observations.
3. Kindness is listed as a fruit of the Spirit. How does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit enable believers to cultivate and exhibit kindness consistently, even in challenging circumstances or towards difficult people?
4. Discuss the risks involved in showing kindness. What might prevent us from extending kindness to others, and how can we overcome these barriers?
5. Think about someone in your life who has consistently shown kindness to you. How has their kindness impacted you, and what qualities do they demonstrate that align with biblical teachings on kindness? How can you emulate these qualities in your interactions with others?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. *Who comes to your mind that you need to show kindness to?*
2. *What kind of activity do you sense you should be involved in to demonstrate kindness to someone?*
3. *Is there someone in your family? Your workplace? Your church? Your neighbourhood?*