

# FRIENDSCHURCH

LIFE GROUP | DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

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## STAND OUT SERIES

**Kindness:** Luke 10:25-37 | November 10-11, 2018

Main Idea: *Show kindness to all people, in all places and at all times.*

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## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a “horror” travel story? A trip somewhere that didn’t go as planned? Share with your group. (15 min)
2. Read Luke 10:25-37. What do we learn from this passage about the love and kindness we are to show to those around us? (15 min)
3.
  - a. What are reasons people give to “justify” themselves in not showing kindness to others / helping another person in need? What do you think are some the *real* reasons we don’t show kindness to others?
  - b. What does showing the kind of extravagant kindness that the Samaritan showed the man in need require of us? What “risks” are involved with showing that sort of kindness?
  - c. What may we “get” in return (both positive and negative) from showing the type of kindness represented in this parable? (15 min)
4.
  - a. When has someone shown kindness to you in an extravagant way? What effect did that have on you?
  - b. When you find out that someone may be in a place of need and would benefit from kindness being shown to them, does anything in you ever “fight” against showing that kindness? What is it? What do you do with those thoughts and feelings?
  - c. What do you think would help you become more aware of the needs of those around you, and more willing to show kindness to people in need? (15 min)
5. Who is someone in your life (e.g. in your family, neighborhood, online) that needs kindness shown to them right now? What can you do this week to show them that kindness? (15 min)

6. As you close, pray that God would make you aware of opportunities this week to show kindness to all people, at all times, and in all places. (10 min)

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## LEADER GUIDE

1. Do you have a “horror” travel story? A trip somewhere that didn’t go as planned? Share with your group. (15 min)

*This is a “lighter” question intended to get the conversation going.*

2. Read Luke 10:25-37. What do we learn from this passage about the love and kindness we are to show to those around us?

*There are many things that Jesus tells us about love and kindness in this passage, starting with the context of this parable, Luke 10:25-29, and heading into the parable itself and the concluding verses. Here’s just a small sampling of them:*

- *“Loving others” is one of the two most important commandments; those who find themselves inheriting eternal life will only be those who have learned how to love others (you may want to also reference Galatians 5:6 and 1 John 4:20).*
- *Loving others / showing kindness means not just seeing the needs around us, but doing something about them.*
- *Loving others may require we risk our own personal safety or money for the sake of others.*
- *Loving others is shown in actions.*
- *Etc.*

3. a. What are reasons people give to “justify” themselves in not showing kindness to others / helping another person in need? What do you think are some the *real* reasons we don’t show kindness to others?  
b. What does showing the kind of extravagant kindness that the Samaritan showed the man in need require of us? What “risks” are involved with showing that sort of kindness?  
c. What may we “get” in return (both positive and negative) from showing the type of kindness represented in this parable?

*For part “a,” some of the reasons that people give may be (1) I don’t know what someone is going to do with the help I give them (think giving money to someone on the side of the road); (2) I don’t want to be taken advantage of; (3) that person doesn’t like me and so I’m not obligated to show kindness to them, etc. Some of the more real reasons may include things like selfishness (I don’t have the time / I don’t want to be bothered), prejudice against certain people or groups of people, being burned in the past and not wanting to experience that again. For part “b,” there are definitely things it takes from us and risks involved. It takes time, energy, money, etc. We might even be accused of having wrong motives or intentions when we help other people.*

4. a. When has someone shown kindness to you in an extravagant way? What effect did that have on you?

- b. When you find out that someone may be in a place of need and would benefit from kindness being shown to them, does anything in you ever “fight” against showing that kindness? What is it? What do you do with those thoughts and feelings?**
- c. What do you think would help you become more aware of the needs of those around you, and more willing to show kindness to people in need?**

*For part “b,” it’s important to acknowledge our feelings and where they come from and to even ask God to help us with them. At the same time, sometimes the best thing we can do is fight through our feelings and be kind anyway. The more we do that, the more we may see those feelings begin to disappear. For part “c,” awareness is a big part of the battle. People are often so busy and in such a rush that they aren’t even aware of the needs around them, or, when they are aware, they don’t have the time / energy to help someone. Simply opening up our eyes to see the small things we can do to help others can go a long way.*

- 5. Who is someone in your life (e.g. in your family, neighborhood, online) that needs kindness shown to them right now? What can you do this week to show them that kindness?**

*The more concrete you can get in this question, the better. Work towards specific and tangible things that you can do this week to help others.*

- 6. As you close, pray that God would make you aware of opportunities this week to show kindness to all people, at all times, and in all places.**