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**Wednesdays// 7:00 pm**

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**Luke 6:35-36 (NIV):** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

**1 Cor. 13:4 (NIV):** Love is patient, love is kind.

**Luke 10:30-35:** Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. <sup>31</sup> "Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> "Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> "So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> "On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

**Matt 9:36:** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

**Col 3:12 (NIV):** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

**2 Tim 2:24 (NIV):** And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

**Phil 2:4 (NIV):** Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

### Small Group Interaction:

1. Christ's doctrine of showing kindness toward one's enemies was a novel concept at the time. Tell about a time when you were kind to someone who did not deserve it? What happened?
2. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, what do you see as a major difference between these two religious leaders and the Samaritan? Why do you suppose Jesus chose religious leaders and a Samaritan for his analogy?
3. Tell about a time when you received kindness from an unexpected source.
4. Name one thing we can all learn about kindness from this parable, or generally from how God acts?