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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

- 01** Print the PDF.
-or-
- 02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.
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- 03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of June 26th // Conversation: July 2nd
The Fruit of the Spirit - Kindness

In our current series, we're focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. This devotional will help you explore one part of that fruit – Kindness.

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Is there anything on your mind as you're settling in to study God's Word today? Is your mind cluttered with thoughts from yesterday or your to-do list for today? Take some time to quiet your mind and ask God to clear your head. Tell Him that you want to focus on His Word and spend time being present with Him. Let the Holy Spirit be your teacher during this time, and enjoy this moment with your God!

observe.

Gal 5:22 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness,

In Galatians 5:22, the word for kindness can also be translated as "gentleness". In the Greek, the word is "chrestotes". It means moral goodness, integrity, and excellence in character.

- 01** Using your favorite color, mark any reference to God or the Lord with a triangle.
- 02** Circle any mention of the word kindness. This is our Greek word, "chrestotes".
- 02** In Romans 2, underline phrases pertaining to turning from your sin.

Romans 2:4-8 (NLT)

⁴ Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? ⁵ But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷ He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. ⁸ But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

Titus 3:3-7 (NLT)

³ Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. ⁴ But - When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He

washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT)

As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. ² For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.



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01 According to Romans 2, what is the intent (purpose) of God's kindness?

02 What will happen to the people who refuse to turn from their sin (aka repent)?

03 What will God do on the day of anger?



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04 What kinds of people are contrasted in Romans 2:7-8?

05 When did God save us according to Titus 3?

06 WHY did He save us?



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Look at the verbs in Titus 3:5-7. What else did God do?
(Example – washed away our sins.)

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In 2 Corinthians, what is the author begging?

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What do you think the gift of God's kindness is referring to?
Hint: Look at the rest of the verses.

apply.

- 01** If you had to summarize the purpose of God's kindness to someone who had never heard of it, what would you say?
- 02** Do you feel that you sometimes ignore God's marvelous gift of kindness that has led you to repentance?
- 03** Since you have repented in response to God's kindness towards you, what do you think your responsibility is towards other people? How can you show the kindness of God to them?

bring it together.

God is wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient towards us. This kindness leads us to turn away and repent of our sin.

We used to be foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became slaves to our lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other.

But when God, our Savior, revealed his kindness and love to us, He saved us! And it's not because of the righteous things we had done. It was because of His mercy.

God washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He did this through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of His grace, He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Because of this incredible kindness and outpouring of new life, we can turn around and pour this out on the people around us. We can show them the kindness we have been shown by God. We can show them a kindness that leads to repentance and eternal life.

Stay tuned for more on this topic during Sunday's message!

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We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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