

Study Notes on Kindness – Graeme Clark - Sunday 15 October 2017

Luke 6:27-38

1. Graeme shared his childhood understanding of God – what was yours?
2. How do we respond to the idea that Kindness is an integral part of God's character?
See Job 6:14; Psalm 63:3(KJV); Isaiah 63:7
3. Graeme suggested that anyone who shows kindness reveals that we are made in the image of God. How do you respond to this? What then do unkind people reveal?
4. In what circumstances do you find it difficult to show kindness? What should we do with this information?
5. Kindness has an impact on other people that may be remembered even years afterwards. Can you think of examples of someone showing kindness to you, or of someone remembering your kindness from a long time ago?
6. See 1 Corinthians 12:8. Notice kindness or helping others, is a gift of the Holy Spirit alongside miracles and healing. How do you respond to Graeme's observation that Satan wants us to get more excited about gifts which bless us than those which help other people?
7. Graeme said that kindness set loose would impact our community overwhelmingly? Do you agree? How might this work? How can we show kindness?
8. See Matthew 7:21-23. Graeme suggested that we can't cherry pick the Bible for the parts we like – kindness is not hard but is often overlooked for the spectacular. How do we get excited about kindness?
9. Not only does kindness reflect the image of God and impact others it does us good! Share testimony of this in your own life. See Acts 20:35.

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