



STUDY GUIDE

Love Is...Kind

WEEK OF May 20, 2018

I Corinthians 13:4-7

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Rob Rienow's message on Sunday?

2. Describe an experience of being the receiver of another person's generosity or kindness. What impact did that person make in your life and how did you see Jesus through his or her compassion?

GROW

3. Read Matthew 9:35-39. What was the emphasis in Jesus' preaching and what examples of Jesus' compassion do we see in verse 35?

4. **Why does Jesus want us to be concerned about people’s spiritual and physical needs and what are the dangers of focusing on one of these more than the other? How does this passage help us see how Jesus is different from other religious leaders of His day?**

5. **Like Jesus, where are some places you can go to “meet people where they’re at” in showing kindness and compassion? In what ways do you see people today “weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd” (v. 36)?**

6. **Read Luke 23:32-34. How do you typically respond, both internally and externally, when people make fun of you? What allowed Jesus to keep focused on the task at hand?**

7. **What do Jesus’ words on the cross reveal about His character and what does this passage teach you about His compassion?**

8. **Read Matthew 23:33-39. Who was Jesus calling “snakes” and why was He so harsh on this group? How did Jesus indicate that the Pharisees had failed to learn the lessons from Israel’s history?**

9. How did Jesus respond and demonstrate compassion for Israel, even in the midst of His rebuke?

10. Read Matthew 25:35-40. Why is meeting the physical needs of the hurting and helpless so important for the Christ-follower? What did Jesus mean when He said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me”?

11. How is it that by serving and showing kindness to people, we love them and show them Jesus? Give examples of how you have seen this lived out.

GO

12. Where do you sense God calling you to help further His kingdom growth in our city, through means of compassion and kindness?

13. Toward who do you need to follow Christ’s example of compassion? Which of your enemies can you pray for this week, just as Jesus did on the cross in Luke 23?

