

*God's Kindness*  
Romans 2:1-4  
April 17, 2016

1. Pastor Jim mentioned that we are often much harder on others than we are on ourselves. We are also more prone to see the failings of others than we are to notice them in our own lives. Why do you think we often do this? What does Jesus warn us about in Matthew 7:1-5?
2. God uses kindness, patience, and forbearance to get us to the point of truly dealing with our sins. How has God used any or all of these things to lead you to repentance? How do you see God still treating you with kindness today?
3. Pastor Jim mentioned that the kindness of God is not about God forgetting about sin, or waving it away or ignoring it. How does the cross remind us that God does not look lightly on our sin? How is the cross an example of God's kindness to the world?
4. In Luke 19:1-9, how is God kind to Zaccheus? What do you think Jesus' response *should* have been? How do we know that Zaccheus has truly repented of his sin? How can we tell if someone has truly repented of their sin (See 2 Corinthians 7:8-11)?
5. Pastor Jim mentioned that one way we show contempt for the power of God's kindness is when we look at the progress we've made in our spiritual lives and think it is because of our good choices. How is this a form of pride? What are some other ways we show contempt for the power of God's kindness?
6. Take time to pray with your group. Ask God to reveal ways in which you can be kind to someone in the same way He has been kind to you.