

MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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EP56

The Leaders Dress

Code:

Kindness

FOR THE GROUP LEADER

These notes have been designed to disciple leaders in round the table small group discussions.

What is in *ITALICS* is meant to be read out loud.

Welcome to this week's Mustard Seed Leadership discussion. The current series is "The Leaders Dress Code"

STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is "Kindness" But before we start on the new topic, we will usually hold each other accountable about last week's action step.

Since this is the first in the series, let's go straight to the notes.

STEP #2: READ THE NOTES

Option 1: Let each person in the group take turns reading a section. (Each section is marked with a **READER #**). Go clockwise starting with the Group Leader, and highlight or underline what catches your attention.

Option 2: The leader reads all the sections.

Option 3: Watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/0ceJM7PGTk8>

READER 1

THE LEADERS DRESS CODE

1. Kindness

Romans 13:14 (NIV) “... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ...”

Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV) *“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”*

As leaders we have the responsibility to reflect God's glory to the people we lead!

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NIV)

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

READER 2

Love the way that God's Grace is expressed through KINDNESS

- Kindness speaks of goodness expressed to others.
- God treats us kindly because of His Son Jesus.
- God doesn't treat us as we deserve, He treats us as Jesus deserves!

Def: Comes from the root of 'to be useful'

- kindness is goodness and helpfulness expressed to others

Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)

“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.”

Jesus is here personified as the KINDNESS of God

- Jesus literally is the kindness of God to us
- That is why to clothe ourselves with Christ means to be clothed in the kindness of God.

READER 3

So what does kindness look like?

2 Samuel 9:3-7 (NIV)

3 The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?” Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.” 4

“Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.” 5 So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. 6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, “Mephibosheth!” “At your service,” he replied. 7 “Don't be afraid,” David said to him, “for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.”

READER 4

1. Kindness is a reflection of God's glory

David wanted to be kind to express to others the kindness he had seen and experienced in God

David expressed in a song, his revelation of God:

2 Samuel 22:51 (NIV)

“He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.”

TO EXPRESS GODLY KINDNESS TO OTHERS STARTS WITH OUR OPENNESS TO SEE AND RECEIVE GOD'S KINDNESS TO US

2. Godly kindness to others is motivated by WHOSE they are even more than WHO they are

Eg. “I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan” Mephibosheth himself was a cripple

- yet David exalted him to a place of honour at his table*
- Why? David’s kindness to Mephibosheth was motivated by his love for his father*
- In the same way we should express kindness to others because they are created in God’s image*
- People should not need to earn kindness - it is a gift given in recognition of the Father*

WE EXPRESS GODLY KINDNESS TO OTHERS AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP TO OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

READER 5

3. Kindness is treating people in an unbalanced way

*“I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your **grandfather Saul**, and you will always eat at my table.”*

His Grandfather Saul made it his mission to make David suffer! He kept trying to kill David. Yet David wanted to bless his grandson!

Usually we treat others as they treat us - we balance the scales!

- We are helpful to those who help us

- We are merciful to those who are merciful to us

But kindness doesn't treat people as they treat us

- Kindness treats others as God has treated us

- Kindness is the EXTRA that we add to the way people deserve to be treated.

GODLY KINDNESS IS TREATING PEOPLE AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED, NOT AS WE HAVE BEEN TREATED.

READER 6

CHALLENGE:

Part of the Dress Code of a Leader is to be clothed in KINDNESS.

- 1. Don't let the way others treat you dictate the way you treat them.*

2. *As a leader, you treat others based on the way your Heavenly Father has treated you, and the way you would like to be treated, not the way you have been treated!*

3. *Be kind to people as a reflection of the glory of God.*

STEP #3: SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

*Now let's go around the group and take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read. **What stood out to you and why?***

STEP #4: EVALUATION

*I am going to ask each of you in turn to evaluate yourself (From a 5 which is **EXCELLENT**, down to a 1 meaning **LOTS OF WORK NEEDED!**) on how well you are doing in the area of this topic*

and then share this with the group and why you chose this score.

STEP #5: Application

Lastly, let's go around the group and answer the following questions:

- 1. What stands out most to you about David's story of kindness to Mephibosheth?*
- 2. If a lack of expressing kindness to others is rooted in a lack of receiving God's kindness then what do you think blocks some people from experiencing God's kindness?*
- 3. What do you understand by the phrase, 'Kindness is treating people in an unbalanced way'?*

CLOSING

A great way to close off is to pair up briefly for a moment of prayer. Pray for each other that you will succeed in your action steps. Thank

everyone for coming and committing to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

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