

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 9, 2025

Icebreaker Questions

- What's the kindest thing someone has done for you this month?
- What's your go-to "random act of kindness" when you want to brighten someone's day?
- Who in your life has the most contagious kindness—and how do they show it?
- Who was your kindest teacher or mentor growing up—and what made them special?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

This week Mike Rima emphasized that compassionate kindness is woven into our spiritual DNA because we are made in the image of a compassionate God. Through the entirety of the Bible, it is revealed that mercy, patience, and love define God's character and should also define ours. Early Christians, even during times of suffering, demonstrated radical compassion that reflected Christ's heart to the world. Ultimately, kindness is both a divine calling and a spiritual investment—when we refresh others, God refreshes us in return.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Exodus 34:6, Psalm 145:8–9, Proverbs 3:3–4, Proverbs 19:17, Romans 2:4

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think compassion and mercy are at the core of who God is?
- How does knowing that kindness is part of God's nature challenge the way you live?
- How can we balance compassion with truth in our relationships?
- How might we show radical kindness in our own communities today?
- How can we shift our mindset from scarcity to abundance when it comes to giving and serving?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing