

Family Table Talk Guide
“Splashing” Kindness
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Some have suggested that kindness is a lost art in today’s world. Just turn on the television and you may become convinced. Rudeness, crassness, sarcasm and biting criticism seems to be the going things... yet Jesus calls His people to demonstrate a kindness towards others that is unique. As Jesus-followers filled with His Spirit, we are uniquely gifted with the empowerment to bear the fruit of kindness everywhere we go. Jesus said, “...anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.” Mark 9:40-41 (NIV) At tonight’s family table talk, discuss with your family how you can share “cups of cold water” with others through acts of kindness in the name of Jesus.

Selected Readings:
Mark 9:40-41; John 4:1-26

For Sharing...

Icebreaker Question: What is the most *kind* thing that anyone has ever done for you?

Question #1: How have you seen our culture change over time, in regards to kindness? Would you say the world is more kind or less kind than 10, 20, 30 years ago? Any specific examples you can think of?

Question #2: Who do you find it easiest to be kind towards... friends, strangers, family? Who do you find the most difficult to show kindness towards? Why is this?

Question #3: In what situations of life do you find it most difficult personally to show kindness to others?

For Your Table...

Read John 4:1-26 ; 1 Cor. 13:4; Eph 4:32

Question #4: Jesus asked for the woman at the well to show kindness by drawing a cup of water for him. What sorts of religious, cultural and social barriers did she have to transcend in order to do so? How hard do you suppose this was for her? How hard is it for you to transcend similar obstacles?

Question #5: Jesus used that simple act of kindness to, in turn, share with her the good news of LIFE thru Him, the true Messiah. How can we use simple acts of kindness to open doors for the sharing of the gospel with others?

Question #5: What will you and your family do this week to show kindness to someone? Talk about ideas & make a plan!

Prayer: Take prayer requests at your table and spend some time in prayer before closing.