JUST. KIND. HUMBLE.

WEEK 2: BE KIND

God, help me see through your eyes. Help me feel with your heart. Give me your thoughts. Let me act in a way that is totally reflective of you. Show me what kindness truly means. Amen.

WEEK 2: SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

READ MICAH 6:6-8; 2Samuel 9:1-7

Micah 6:8 - What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

2Samuel 9:1-7 - David asked, "Is there anyone from Saul's family still alive that I could show faithful love for Jonathan's sake?" 2 There was a servant from Saul's household named Ziba, and he was summoned before David.

"Are you Ziba?" the king asked him.

"At your service!" he answered.

3 The king asked, "Is there anyone left from Saul's family that I could show God's kindness to?"

"Yes," Ziba said to the king, "one of Jonathan's sons, whose feet are crippled."

4 "Where is he?" the king asked.

"He is at the house of Ammiel's son Machir at Lo-debar," Ziba told the king.

5 So King David had him brought from the house of Ammiel's son Machir at Lo-debar.

6 Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson, came to David, and he fell to the ground, bowing low out of respect.

"Mephibosheth?" David said.

"Yes," he replied. "I am at your service!"

7 "Don't be afraid," David told him, "because I will certainly show you faithful love for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the fields of your grandfather Saul, and you will eat at my table always."

8 Mephibosheth bowed low out of respect and said, "Who am I, your servant, that you should care about a dead dog like me?"

9 Then David summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything belonging to Saul and his family.

GETTING STARTED

- Welcome each other.
- Inquire as to anyone who is missing. Any follow-up needed?
- Does anyone have comments concerning last week's sermon on doing justice? If not, move on to this week's sermon.
- · What are three words that describe kindness for you?

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SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you react to the suggestion that those who have suffered find it MORE difficult to be empathetic than those who have not suffered?
- How does the Old Testament word Hesed expand your idea of kindness?
- What motivated King David to ask for someone to whom he might show kindness? What lessons does this story teach us?
- How might Pastor Rob's illustration of the Little League game redefine what it means to win?
- How do the perspectives of popular researcher, author and speaker Brene Brown help us to understand why it might be difficult to show kindness and what choices are open to us?
- Pastor Rob said, "Kindness looks like making room for others." Are there people for whom you can make room?
- When situations seem confusing and complicated, our choice of actions can boil down to ______.
- How might Shirley Chisholm respond to the idea that past is prologue? What is the takeaway?
- Since discussing the sermon, have there been any changes in the three words you initially chose to describe kindness?

PRAYER REQUESTS

