

#7 The Handhold of KINDNESS

Warm-up Questions:

Move into triads and have someone open in prayer:

- Describe a time when you experienced unexpected kindness that surprised you.
- What kind of a person does that?

Inductive Bible Study:

Observation (what does it say?) SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME HERE!

As you read the text, ask: who, what, where, why, when, how?

Circle and draw lines to similar thoughts. Notice contrasts and key words.

Interpretation (what does it mean?)

- What are the author's central thoughts to the reader?
- What is the context (time, place, circumstance, audience)?
- What spiritual principle or lifestyle change is addressed?

Application (what does it mean for my life?)

• What action step would demonstrate my obedience to what God is saying in this passage?



The following scriptures mention "Brotherly Kindness." Study them for yourself and then unpack your discoveries with the whole group.

Romans 12:9-11

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

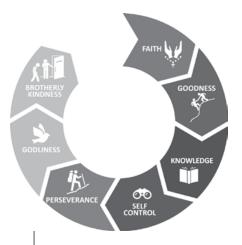
9 Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more,

Hebrews 13:1-3

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Based on these scriptures...

- What are some proactive, counter-culture expressions of brotherly kindness?
- What are some preventive, graceful disciplines that preserve brotherly kindness?







TEACHING

Action Steps:

Turn to page 177 in your book, Do the Next Right Thing, and share which of these "Eight Habits of Kindness" would propel you beyond good intentions to actually practice Brotherly Kindness.

In triads:

• Who is one person (you can name them if your choose) to whom you need to show Brotherly Kindness, and the way you will you do it.

Share and pray together to close the session

Prepare for Session #8: Read chapter #9 in DNRT: LOVE