

FEAST

ON KINDNESS

SUMMARY:

Our sermon series, Feast, takes place during the season of Lent, which is a 40-day period of time in which we prepare our hearts for Easter. It's a time of self-examination, reflection, and repentance so that we can follow Jesus at a deeper level.

This week's sermon focused on kindness. Pastor Derwin shared the story of the Apostle Paul's conversion. At the start of the story, Paul (then known as Saul), is on a murderous rampage, persecuting Christians. But in His kindness, God turns a Church destroyer into a Church builder. Paul has a supernatural encounter with Jesus in which he learns that by persecuting the Church, he is actually persecuting Jesus, because the Church is the body of Christ. Through Paul's story, we all learn that Jesus will reveal Himself to us in the depths of our sin and meet us with the depths of His grace and kindness. He then gives us a mission to join Him in building His multiethnic church.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Before you begin your discussion, take time to read the story Pastor Derwin shared in its entirety. You can find it in Acts 9:1-19. Talk about what stands out to you in this story. Think about what Paul must have been thinking and what Ananais must have felt when God called him to go to Paul.

Read Galatians 1:13-14. This is one of Paul's letters after he becomes a Church builder as he reflects on his former way of life.

- Why was Paul persecuting the Church?

Read Acts 9:3-5.

- Whom does Jesus say that Paul is persecuting?
- This may sound like a frightening experience, but how does Paul's encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road display God's kindness?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27.

- Who is the body of Christ?

- What does it mean to be part of the body of Christ?

Read Acts 9:7-10

- How does Ananais respond when God calls to him? What does this say about how we ought to respond?

Read Acts 9:11-14.

- Ananais is given a tough assignment, yet he responds with obedience. In what ways is God calling you and how can you respond in obedience?

Read Acts 9:15-19.

- What is the assignment God has for Paul? Why is this significant?
- What is Paul's response to the assignment?

Read Acts 20:24.

- Here Paul is sharing that his life's purpose is to complete the assignment God has given him. We all are called to build God's multiethnic church in some way because we are all part of the body of Christ. In what ways is God calling you to build His Church?

End your time together by considering how God has shown you kindness. How will you live as a result?

Soul Tattoo: Feast on kindness!