

# REFLECTION GUIDE

9.10.23

## INTRO

God has shown us what perfect kindness and patience look like! That demonstration in the life of Christ guides us as we make daily choices.

Our choices can lead others to embrace God's love!

## THOUGHTS

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## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the incredibly selfless way you lived for others. Let it inspire me to make kind choices so the people in my life are drawn to you because of the way I treat them. I know that means I must set aside my own desires at times for the sake of others. Forgive me when my impatience disrupts that. Amen.

## DIGGING DEEPER

- What is one thing you are waiting on currently? How are you handling this season of waiting?
- Do you think showing patience or kindness comes easier to you? Why? What role do you think selflessness plays in that?
- 2 Peter 3:8 reminds us of an important perspective to keep, "Don't let it escape your notice, dear friends, that with the Lord a single day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a single day." [CEB]
  - What do you think Peter means by this statement?
  - How does it make you feel?
  - How does this put your times of waiting into perspective?
- What influences in your daily life encourage you to cultivate kindness toward others? What influences make this more difficult?
- Romans 2:4 says, "Do you take the kindness of God for granted? Do you see His patience and tolerance as signs that He is a pushover *when it comes to sin*? How could you not know that His kindness is guiding our hearts to turn away from *distractions and habitual sin* to walk a new path?" [VOICE]
  - What stands out to you in this verse?
  - According to Paul, what is God's chosen method of changing someone's heart?
  - We are called to live in a way that points others to Jesus. Describe what you think that means based on this passage.