# Wish List: The Best Gift Ideas for Christmas 2020 Week 3: Give Kindness December 13th, 2020

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

#### **SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES**

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict
		Biblically

## "GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

When you hear the word "Kind" who comes to mind in your life and why?

#### INTRODUCTION

We continue our **Wish List** series by looking at the things we would truly ask for in December 2020. This Sunday our attention turns to Kindness and a study entitled **Give Kindness**.

Our story is found in the words of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:30-32. As you engage with God's Word, consider how God's kindness has been a catalyst in changing your life.

## Bible Storytelling: Ephesians 4:30-32

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Ephesians 4:30-32 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- From verses 31 and 32, what negative attitudes should we eliminate and what positive attitudes should we cultivate?
- How has God's kindness been a catalyst for change in your own life?
- Do you see the actions of Ephesians 4:31 at work in the world around you? Do you see them at work in your own life?
- How might kindness help to overcome those actions?
- Spend some time sharing ways you and the members of your group might fulfill the challenge of Ephesians 4:32.
- What will you do to share God's kindness this week?
- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.