

Next Steps

“Next Steps” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week, and linked to Sunday's message. Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church and the world.

June 13, 2021: The Thing About Relationships: “Less Critical, More Kind”

- How critical are you?
- When your spouse, friend, or family member keeps making the same mistake over and over, do you
 - become irritated and angry with them, or
 - look graciously at what might be driving that mistake?
- When a co-worker gets more attention and accolades than you think they deserve do you
 - celebrate with them, or
 - feel resentful and feel the need to bring them down a notch?
- Recently, when has someone's critique/feedback/criticism felt harsh to you?
 - What could they have said to be more kind?
- Read **Ephesians 4:32**
 - How would our world change if we lived out this verse in our lives?
- In which of your relationships do you tend to be critical instead of kind?
- Commit that the next time you critique someone you will:
 - **Remember** your own sin.
 - Correct **with kindness**.
 - Choose to **be motivated by restoration**, not condemnation.