

Making Friends with Minorities

John 4.1-16

3 Attitudes Toward People Who Are Different From Me

1. I CAN KEEP MY DISTANCE (Avoid)
2. I CAN BE CURIOUS BUT UNCARING (Apathy)
3. I CAN SHOW KINDNESS (Action)

Luke 10:36-37 Jesus asked, 'Which of these 3 people would you say was **a true neighbor** to the one attacked?' The man said, 'The one who showed him **kindness.**' Jesus replied, 'You're Right! Now **YOU GO & DO the same!**'"

1 Thessalonians 5:15 Make sure you **never pay back** one wrong with another wrong. Instead, **always try to be kind** to each other and to everyone else.

Romans 2:14 (NLT) Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his **kindness** is **intended** to **turn you** from your sin?

Proverbs 11:17 (NLT) Your **own soul is nourished** when you are **kind**.

Proverbs 19:17 (NCV) Being **kind** to the people in need is like **lending** to the **Lord**, and He will **repay** you for the **kindness** you have shown."

To Increase My **KINDNESS**

1. I must **SEE** the needs of people around me.
- 2 I must **SYMPATHIZE** with their pain
- 3 I must **SEIZE** the moment to help
- 4 I must **SPEND** whatever it takes

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1. _____ Social Contact
2. Find _____ Interests
3. _____ with Problems
4. _____ Cultural Identity but _____ to Connect

John 4.1 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), 3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.

John 4.4 And He **had to pass through Samaria**. 5 So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that **Jacob** gave to his son Joseph; 6 and **Jacob's well** was there. So, Jesus, being **wearied** from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the **sixth hour**.

John 4.7 There came a **woman of Samaria** to draw water. **Jesus** said to her, "**Give Me a drink.**" 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

John 4.9 Therefore the **Samaritan woman** said to Him, "**How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?**" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

John 4.16 He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have **no husband.**" Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had **five husbands**, and the **one** whom you **now** have is **not your husband**; this you have said truly."

John 4.27 At this point His **disciples** came, and they were **amazed** that He had been **speaking** with a **woman**, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "**Why do You speak with her?**"

Revelation 7.9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from **every nation** and **all tribes** and **peoples** and **tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.