

SESSION 1 HANDOUT

THE FRUIT OF NICENESS

SESSION BIG IDEA - As Christians, we often substitute obedience for niceness, hiding our true motivations or feelings in order to benefit ourselves.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN THE VIDEO

What’s the primary message of this study?

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What are the three characteristics of niceness?

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BIBLE STUDY NOTES

2 Samuel 6:14–23, 1 Samuel 25:2–42,
Proverbs 25:12

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NICE

PERSONAL REFLECTION

In what ways can you identify with the idea that niceness is deceptive?

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How does your behavior reflect your inward reality? Have you ever hidden behind a mask of niceness?

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LIVE IT OUT

Select at least one activity below to complete before next week.

▷ READ

Read the Introduction and chapters 1–2 from *Nice*. As you read, take note of how you may be putting on a “nice” front.

▷ PRAY

Spend ten minutes talking with God about authenticity. Ask him to reveal the areas of your life where you might have settled for a façade. Pray for forgiveness and for God to use this study to reveal selfish patterns in your life.

▷ MEMORIZE

Commit Matthew 7:20 to memory this week. Read it out loud or to yourself throughout the week to remind yourself to be real.