



WEEK 3: COMPASSION

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In *Called to Care, Part 3: "Compassion,"* we delve into the importance of understanding and embodying true compassion in our lives. Highlighting the parable of the Good Samaritan, we learned the significance of showing compassion and being a neighbor to those in need. Jesus' own acts of compassion serve as a model for believers to follow, going beyond surface-level gestures to truly empathize with and support others. By embracing compassion as both a feeling and an action, and imitating Jesus' selfless love, we can bring comfort and joy to those around us, reflecting the heart of our compassionate God.

KEY VERSES

Ephesians 4:32, *"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."*

Psalms 63:3, *"Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You."*

Matthew 9:13, *"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

What does it mean to be truly compassionate in today's world?

- a. Can you think of a time when you offered or received compassion? How did that experience impact you?

2

The parable of the Good Samaritan emphasizes the importance of showing compassion and being a neighbor to those in need. **(Luke 10:30-37)**

- a. Why do you think Jesus chose a Samaritan to demonstrate compassion?
- b. How can you be a good neighbor in your community and extend compassion to others?

3

Philippians 2:5-8 encourages us to have the same attitude as Jesus, who humbled himself and became a servant.

- a. Why is it important for followers of Christ to emulate the compassionate nature of Jesus?

4

God's compassion always extends beyond a feeling into an action of caring for others.

- a. What are some practical ways you can transform your compassionate feelings into actionable steps?

5

Many people do not aspire to be compassionate and are hesitant to engage with suffering.

- a. Why do you think people hesitate to engage with suffering and pain, and how can we overcome this fear?
- b. In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to be compassionate, and how can you challenge yourself to overcome this fear?

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Reflection: Take a deep breath and read....

Ephesians 4:32 is a powerful reminder of God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus's heart is mercy, grace, and forgiveness rooted in His love. Following His character brings life to others and to ourselves through Him.

1. How do kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness change the world for Jesus?
2. What are your struggles in learning to practice them in every area of your life, even in the uncomfortable areas?

GROUP CHALLENGE

Discuss as a group where you can serve together, putting into practice a compassion that leads to action.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Pray for God to help us feel and show compassion like Jesus did.
- Pray for compassion that leads to action.
- Ask for the opportunity to serve others and enter into their pain.
- Pray for strength to lay down our differences and embrace others in need.

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