

Christ Community Community Group Guide

Series/ Week: Compassion: Love that changes lives

Connect:

Have each person share 1 thing they are grateful for and 1 personal thing they want prayer for.

Reflect:

Jesus' compassion hears the cry, sees the need, feels the pain, and responds in loving action.

Have you ever experienced Jesus' compassion through another person?

Read: Matthew 25:31-46

Study:

1. Evidence of true believers: kindness and compassion. Discuss why this is evidence of our faith, but not a way to salvation. How have you seen God grow your kindness and compassion?
2. Showing meritless compassion - helping those regardless of how the need came about. When is this principle the most difficult to live out?
3. We can not claim to accept Jesus and deny compassion for those in front of us. Weigh that statement with James 4:17 NIV: "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." How does this convict and encourage you in practicing your faith?
4. Jesus' compassion willingly trades earthly resources for a kingdom inheritance. What does showing compassion cost us? What is the return on that cost? Is it worth it?

Apply:

What grabbed your attention in the message and this study of the bible today?

How are you going to respond?

Be encouraged; even the smallest act of faith done for the Lord is multiplied in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our compassion is a mustard seed

Matthew 13:31-32 NIV - 31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."