

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. When did you experience compassion from someone directly or observe it in someone else?
2. What got your attention or surprised you in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. How do we define compassion?
4. How can we exhibit compassion in our daily lives?
5. What blocks compassion from working and being exhibited in us?
6. How can we make compassion function better, stronger and faster even in times of uncertainty and stress?
7. In what situations is it easy to be compassionate in our community? When it is difficult?
8. How can Verde Community Church serve our community with compassion both individually and corporately?

WORK IT OUT:

9. What is one thing that God is personally speaking to you about concerning compassion? What is your next step?
10. How can your growth group pray for you this week?

COMPASSION

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When the Scripture describes the compassion of Jesus it isn't talking about a superficial sympathy toward others. He empathizes deeply and enters into our suffering, feels our pain and knows our languages. Jesus is known for his compassion. It is part of who he is and how he lived (*Matthew 14:14, Mark 8:2, Matthew 20:34*). Alright, Verde...are we known for our compassion? Is it part of who we are and how we live?

1. **When Jesus felt compassion he _____ the situation** - (*Matthew 9:36-38; Mark 10:43-45; Proverbs 14:22*)! Do we feel compassion enough to act?.
2. **Replace religious _____ with compassionate service.** - When we look at Jesus we see divine love in action...in a specific moment...to a specific human being... at a specific time in history.
3. **Start with _____ compassionate act.** - Let's not be paralyzed by the vast amount of needs that surround us.

"Defend the weak and fatherless, uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." -*Psalms 82:3-4*

"Whoever does it to the least of these, does it to me."
-*Matthew 25:40*

Application

Compassion doesn't begin with a church program.
Compassion begins with you and me.

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