

Part 2:

Big Idea

During his earthly ministry, Jesus focused intently on ministering to people. He loved us deeply and He was willing to carry the burdens others. In fact, Jesus went on a ten-hour walk to Nain just to reach out to a widow who had lost her son – and bring solace to her grief. In doing this, Jesus met the woman where she was with compassion. This week, we talked about compassion being defined this way: “I’m going to allow your pain into my heart.” It is God’s will for us to walk in compassion for other people every day, and by doing so, we become the hands and feet of Jesus to the world. As Jesus’ hands and feet, we don’t sit and wait for people to reach out to us for help – we go to them. We look for the lost; we love the unlovable; we give hope to the hurting; we offer the grace of God and point people to Jesus. This is the compassionate life that we are called to live.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”
– Luke 4:18-19

Discussion Questions

- Talk about a time when you were shown compassion during a difficult season of your life. Explain who showed you compassion and how did their actions impact you?
- Pastor Dino said that compassion comes when we allow the pain of others into our hearts. Discuss a time when you experienced compassion for someone else and describe how you went about providing hope for the hurting by helping them.
- Who in your life needs help carrying their burdens? Share some practical ways that you can show them compassion while pointing them to Jesus.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you discernment to see those around you who need help, and pray that He will help you have the wisdom and courage to reach out to them. Ask the Lord to give you a heart for the hurting; ask Him to help you see others as He sees them.

Next Step

Identify people in your life who need support, and take steps to see what you can do to help them this week. Listen closely to the heart of the people around you as they speak and make an effort to pick up on areas of pain which you can minister.

Leader Tip

If your group has room for more people, encourage your members to invite someone to come with them. They can consider neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family .