

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

9. If you have participated in some kind of mercy or compassion ministry to others, how did it help grow your love for God and others?

10. What are some ways we can be involved in compassion ministry as a group? Come up with at least one specific way you can serve together in the coming weeks.

11. The ultimate goal of compassion ministry is to show people the love of Christ. Can you think of someone who needs to feel the compassionate care of Jesus from you this week? As you continue to grow in your spiritual life, what needs to change for this to become an ongoing focus you have?

Prayer Requests

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Sermon Notes

Clothed with Compassion

Luke 10:25-37

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Have you ever had a great neighbor? What made him or her great to live near?
2. Describe a specific time someone went out of his or her way to help you, and what that act of compassion meant to you.

DIGGING DEEPER

READ LUKE 10:25-28.

3. Before Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan, an expert in the law asked Jesus how one gains eternal life. At Jesus' prompting, the man answered his own question by referring to the Great Commandment—love God and love your neighbor (v. 27). What does it look like in practical terms to love God with your heart, soul, strength, and mind?
4. On the other hand, what actions and attitudes make it evident that you love your neighbor as yourself, or complicate your efforts to do so?

READ LUKE 10:29-37.

5. After answering the first question correctly, the man raised a second question: "And who is my neighbor?" (v. 29). What does this question tell us about the man's heart? Why do you think the man wanted to "justify himself"?
6. Name some things that act as barriers keeping you from living the life of compassion Jesus calls you to. How are you getting in your own way?
7. What was the scope of the Samaritan's sacrifice? What do his instructions to the innkeeper tell you about his compassion? How does Jesus' parable motivate us to be compassionate?
8. What is the most challenging part of Jesus' story to you? Why?