

“The Compassion of Jesus”

Start Talking: Use the conversation starter below or create your own!

- Share a highlight from the past week. What is something that made you smile?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease [a]among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were [b]weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*
Matthew 9:35-38 (NKJV)

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose a question (or several) to create openness and discussion.

- In Matthew 9:35-38, we see Jesus being described as "moved with compassion" when he saw the multitudes. Define the term "compassion." How is this form of compassion different from merely recognizing a problem?
- Share a personal experience when you felt a deep sense of compassion for someone in need. How did that compassion influence your actions, and what did you learn from that experience?
- How can we develop a heart of compassion to truly see the needs of others in our busy lives? Discuss practical steps or changes in perspective that could help us become more aware and compassionate in our interactions with others.

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Father, do this work of compassion in me. Sometimes, my eyes become so dim I don’t even see people anymore. Sometimes, my heart becomes calloused and I justify it. Lord, do a work in my heart. Help me to extend your love. Help me to meet the needs of others. Forgive me for seeing and not responding. Thank you for your love for me, in Jesus’ name, amen!”