

Compassion Sunday: Discussion Questions

FACILITATOR'S NOTE:

- ✓ Start your group discussion with the "Check-in" question to help your members reflect back on their week and follow up on last week's application challenge.
 - ✓ Review the "Big Idea" to help you gain clarity around the heart of this week's message and focus your group's discussion towards a clear direction.
 - ✓ Read this week's scripture passages together and guide your group through the "Discuss" questions to initiate meaningful dialogue around key concepts or insights from this week's message.
 - ✓ Move your group discussion to a deeper level by leading them through questions in "Apply". Use discernment to customize these application questions to meet the needs & dynamics of your group.
- NOTE:** You do not have to cover all the questions provided in "Discuss" and "Apply".
- ✓ Connect with God together as a group through this week's "prayer practice", which can be in the form of a prayer exercise or some guidance on what to pray for in relation to the message or application.

CHECK-IN	What stood out to you from this morning's message?
BIG IDEA	Mission is the heart of the gospel, and the driving force in our faith. God's desire is for His creation to be reconciled to Him. It is how we came to know Christ - because someone shared the good news with us - and it is our responsibility to share it with others. Yet why is it so difficult? What are we waiting for? In today's session, we explore some of these questions, and move towards application.
DISCUSS	<p>Read Romans 10:1-15 together. What is the main idea of this passage? What does the Bible say about our response to Him?</p> <hr/> <p>Then choose from the questions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is mission for? Can you fully experience Jesus without being on mission? What can you learn while providing mission to someone? 2. A few weeks ago, Pastor Brian said a statement to the effect of, "When did we say we could follow Jesus and not be on mission?" What are your thoughts about this statement in your life, and how does this play out in the context of lifegroup? 3. What is God's responsibility when it comes to mission? What is our responsibility as followers of Christ? What is the responsibility of the people who we might encounter, who don't yet know Jesus?

APPLY

How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?

Application Activity:

Using sticky notes and markers, write down the following:

1. What mission is, and what it looks like
2. What mission is not (misconceptions about mission)

Have group members share #1 altogether, then #2. Sort them on a table or wall so that this creates a visual. *What do you notice?*

3. On a third set of sticky notes, write down what holds you back from mission as a lifegroup.

Is your own definition of mission holding you back?

How could God use you in one of these areas, this week? What is a concrete next step that you will take as a lifegroup towards building mission into the rhythm of your lifegroup? Designate someone with administrative strengths to create a Mission Planner or Tracker.

PRAYER PRACTICE

Pray for spiritual sensitivity - for eyes, ears, and hearts to be open to the needs of the world around you. Pray for boldness and courage to respond to God's promptings. Thank Jesus for what He has done in your life, and ask Him to expand your heart outwards.