

MAKE ROOM

small group discussion guide



leader note

Encourage everyone to participate. These questions are designed to move from understanding the Scripture to personal reflection and application.

1

READ MATTHEW 14:13-14

Jesus had just heard about the death of John the Baptist and was trying to get away. What stands out to you about His response when the crowds followed Him? How is that different from how we sometimes respond when people interrupt us?

2

SEE THEM

We talked about how we can look at people without actually seeing them. Why do you think it's easy to overlook people at school, church, or even in our own friend groups? What might change if we started seeing people the way Jesus does?

3

MOVE TOWARD THEM

Jesus didn't just feel compassion; He acted on it. What usually keeps you from showing compassion to someone (being busy, uncomfortable, afraid of what others think, etc.)? How can you overcome that this week?

4

JESUS MADE ROOM FOR YOU

ROMANS 5:8

Romans 5:8 tells us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. How is the gospel the greatest example of compassion? How should experiencing the love and forgiveness of Jesus change the way we treat others?

5

WHO NEEDS A SEAT?

Tonight, we challenged everyone to identify one person they could intentionally make room for. Without sharing their name if you'd rather not, what is one specific thing you can do this week to show that person the compassion of Jesus? How could that action open the door to a gospel conversation?