

Chosen Chosen for Compassion

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness. Colossians 3:12a

12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." -Luke 7:12-13

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will... -Ephesians 1:3-5

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What are some things you like to be chosen for? What are some things you probably don't want to be chosen for?
- What does the word Chosen mean to you? When was the last time you felt honored by being chosen? What were you chosen for?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- God has chosen us for salvation before all eternity by His grace alone. How does this teaching on election by divine grace give you assurance of your salvation?
- How is our behavior a demonstration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- What is compassion and how can you as a follower of Jesus grow in this area right now?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- All the virtues in Colossians 3:12-17 can only be lived out via in-person Christian community. Is it possible to live this all out and as a regular livestream worshipper?
- Would you consider your life more isolated right now or more around people? What would you like to move towards?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Who are some people in your life right now that need your compassionate heart?
- What are situations/events that typically do not elicit compassion where Christian love is needed? And, what teachings from today can empower you to live a more compassionate life?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.