

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Compassion Of Christ – Matt Slocum
Easter Sunday - 5 April 2026
Sermon Text: John 20:11-15

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week we celebrate Easter and Resurrection Sunday.

Around Easter we often focus on the Passion of Christ, but what about the Compassion of Christ? In his message entitled **The Compassion Of Christ**, Matt reminds us that while we were still in our mess, Jesus poured out His life for us. He didn't wait until we had it all figured out. He didn't hold back until we were "ready." He just loves us. He has compassion for us. No matter what this season has looked like for you — the doubt, the struggle, the questions — God sees you. He knows you. And His heart is overflowing with compassion, just waiting for you to bring it all to Him and receive everything He has to offer. That's the power of the resurrection. Let's dive in and be encouraged by the Compassion of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week we were asked to consider that "what is silence, is not necessarily absence". Maybe God is not far away but has actually drawn near to you. Did the Holy Spirit reveal to you the closeness of God during times when you thought he was absent? How did you endure the weight of waiting?

2. What is something that stood out to you from Matt's message this week?

3. What is something you are thankful for this Easter?

4. If you'd just risen from the dead like Jesus, who would you have been the first ones you'd have presented yourself to? Why?

5. What do we learn about Jesus in noticing that the first person He presented Himself to after the resurrection was a young woman who was weeping? Why should this be an encouragement to us?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Have you ever taken part in an eating challenge of some sort? What was it? How did it go?
2. How good are you with technology? Are you a whiz or do you find yourself challenged?
3. Do you have a phobia?

6. God does not come to us in wrath, but in mercy and compassion. How does this differ from our image of God or what we might have been taught about God?

7. Have you ever been talked to, but never listened to? How did that make you feel? Have you ever developed self-doubt because of that? How can we learn to lean into the compassion of Jesus and the fact that He sees us and knows us? What difference does that make in our life when we understand we are seen and known?

APPLICATION

We all have a need for affirmation. To be built up and encouraged. Take time this week and find someone to affirm this week. Not just hollow words, but words that show that person that you actually see them. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring someone to mind.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

The Call – Men’s Breakfast, 18 April, 9:00-11:00 am, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Men are invited to The Call – Men’s Breakfast, a special gathering for men to connect, grow, and be refreshed. There will be powerful ministry, heartfelt prayer, and an inspiring devotion to encourage you in your walk. And don’t worry about breakfast—food will be provided, so come hungry and ready for fellowship. Don’t miss this opportunity to recharge and strengthen your faith alongside other men! See you there!

Baptisms, 3 May, 10:00 am, Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St, Gladstone, MO. Register at: <https://nwckc.com/baptism?sapurl=Lytxdm56L2xiL2V2Lys1NXFxejYzP2JyYW5kaW5nPXRYdWUmZW1iZWQ9dHJ1ZSZyZWNIbnRSb3V0ZT1hcHAud2ViLWFwcC5saWJyYXJ5LmNhbGVuZGFyJnJlY2VudFJvdXRlU2x1Zz0lMkJOY2ZoZmN4>

A class for those wishing to be baptized will be held immediately after the service on 26 April.

FINAL THOUGHT

When we sin the very heart of God is drawn out to us. *Thomas Goodwin*