



COMMUNITY Groups

February 4, 2024 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Where have you physically seen people in need? What was that like? (This can be a Serve and Learn Trip experience, witnessing the experience of a homeless person, a personal story, etc.)

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. Jesus has compassion for people with tangible needs.
 - b. As we follow Jesus, we are called to have that same compassion.
 - c. In group today, we encourage you to consider the scripture passage informing us how we can do what Jesus did.
2. Read Matthew 9:35-38
 - a. Jesus often went to places to verbally preach the good news of his kingdom AND to help meet the tangible needs of people experiencing poverty. Why do you think Jesus so often valued both of these things?
 - b. Oftentimes, when we serve others, we do one of these things without the other (tell people about Jesus but don't help with tangible needs, or vice versa). Which things (telling people about Jesus or helping meet needs) are harder for you to do? Which is more uncomfortable?
 - c. Reread verse 36. Jesus had compassion for people. What groups of people do you have compassion towards? Are there groups of people you struggle to have compassion towards?
 - d. Jesus says people who are in poverty are like sheep without a shepherd. What is a shepherd supposed to do?
 - e. In verse 37, he says the "harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Based on the preceding verses, what does it mean to go out and to "harvest?"
3. Read Matthew 25:31-46
 - a. What emotions does this passage stir up in you? What is Jesus calling people to do?
 - b. What would you say if someone asked you, "What does following Jesus look like?" and you had to answer them using this passage?

CLOSING

1. One simple way to begin living out this passage is to serve the local community. Look over <https://gracebible.church/serve-the-community/> with your community group and discuss ways your group can serve together!
2. Let people know that serve and learn trips are coming up, and they can find more info at <https://gracebible.church/servetheworld/>
3. Pray