



November 19th, 2017: COMPASSION SUNDAY

OPENING

- Describe a time in the past couple of weeks when someone helped you out.

DISCUSS & APPLY

[Read Luke 6:20](#)

- How would you define poverty? Why does God care about the poor?
- Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that it's the *poor* who are blessed?

[Read Luke 10:30-37](#)

- In some translations, verse 33 says that the Samaritan “had compassion” when he saw the man beaten up on the side of the road. What do you think it means to have compassion? What are some specific ways that the Samaritan shows compassion in this passage?
- What are some of your fears and concerns about taking your next step in joining others in their efforts to help others?
- Imagine yourself lost outside in winter. It's 10 degrees below zero, and all you're wearing is a long-sleeved shirt, jeans and gym shoes. You haven't eaten in a week. Now imagine someone approaches you in a fur coat, a hat and gloves, the works. He's trying to tell you someone named Jesus loves you and died to save you if you'll only believe in Him. Then he says, “Think about it, OK? Now have a good night and stay warm!” And he hops in a car and drives away. What would you be thinking and feeling? What would you think of the man's faith? Would you think his Jesus really cared about you at all? [Read James 2:14-16](#). What is God's response to this kind of faith?
- Can you think of a time when Jesus cared for you in a “non-spiritual” way?
- Can you think of anyone you know who might need to be loved? What might it look like?

FINAL APPLICATION

Are there any needs in the community or the world that tug at your heart or especially interest you? How could we meet those? What might you have to sacrifice by responding to needs around you?