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**Compassion in Action #1 of 1  
Nov. 5, 2017**

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- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) What did you find most significant about this message? How did it encourage you and challenge you?

3) Read Matthew 19:13-15. What surprises you about this interaction? What do we learn about Jesus and the value of children from this story?

4) Read and reflect on the Global Poverty statistics. What strikes you about these realities? Have you experienced or witnessed this poverty? What is God asking you to do to make a difference?

5) Read Matthew 18:2-6 and 2 Corinthians 8:9. What do these scriptures reveal about us and what do they tell us about God? What does “child-like faith” look like? How can we develop this kind of faith?

6) In what way could your Impact Community elevate the value and investment in children within your IC and in the community you are seeking to impact?

7) How are you actively engaged in “bringing” children to Jesus? What is God asking you to do in this regard?

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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Compassion in Action

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
November 5, 2017 - Compassion Sunday

Matthew 19:13-15 (NLT) One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. <sup>14</sup> But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." <sup>15</sup> And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

v. 14 "Let the children come to me."

Matthew 18:5-6 "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. <sup>6</sup> But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."

v. 14 "For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those like children....and [He] blessed them."

- We are about the **Kingdom of Jesus** when we **bless** children in Jesus name.

*"God is in the slums, in the cardboard boxes where the poor play house. God is in the silence of a mother who has infected her child with a virus that will end both their lives. God is in the cries heard under the rubble of war. God is in the debris of wasted opportunity and lives, and God is with us if we are with them." Bono of U2*



#### Statistics on Global Poverty

- About every 30 seconds, a child dies of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease.
- An estimated 57 million primary school-aged children worldwide don't attend school.
- More than 1 billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day.
- 16,000 children under the age of 5 die each day due to conditions of poverty.
- Nearly half of those living on less than \$1.25 a day are children 18 years old or under.
- 45% of deaths of children under age 5 occur in the first 28 days of life. (7000 newborn babies die each day due to conditions of poverty).
- Over 880 million people are estimated to be living in slum-like conditions in the developing world's cities.
- Globally, 663 million people still lack improved drinking water sources and 2.4 billion lack improved sanitation.

v. 14 "The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.

- We experience a **relationship with Jesus** when we exercise **child-like faith**.

Matthew 18:2-4 Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. <sup>3</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

2 Corinthians 8:9

**Big Idea: Actively engage in "bringing" children to Jesus.**

How are you actively engaged in "bringing" children to Jesus?

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*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*