LIFE GROUP GUIDE – Week Starting Sunday 8th November 2026

Authentic – Social Action

Key Scriptures: Luke 10:25-37 | Colossians 3:12

This Week's BIG IDEA

Authentic social action means recognising the God-given value of every person and becoming more like Jesus in showing compassion and mercy. The Good Samaritan challenges us to move beyond excuses, comfort and convenience, allowing our faith to shape our everyday actions. We do not need to start a big project. We can begin with one practical next step.

Focusing on God

Spend a few minutes in worship and stillness. Thank God for His compassion and mercy towards us. Reflect on Exodus 34:6 *"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness"* and ask the Holy Spirit to shape your hearts so that you become more like Jesus.

Missional focus

Share briefly:

- Where have you noticed someone in need recently, and how did you respond?
- Who might God be prompting you to notice, encourage or help this week?

Pray for people in your community experiencing poverty, homelessness, loneliness or other forms of vulnerability.

Discipleship Discussion

Read together: Luke 10:25-37 | Matthew 25:31-40 | Colossians 3:12-14

Use these questions to guide your discussion. This is not a quiz, there are no right answers and you do not need to cover them all.

- What does the parable of the Good Samaritan teach us about being a neighbour?
- The lawyer wanted to justify himself and define the limits of his responsibility. How might we do the same when it comes to helping others?
- What might stop us showing compassion, even when we recognise someone's need?
- What does the Samaritan's response teach us about showing mercy to people who are different from us?
- Natalie spoke about living a "disrupted life". Which is hardest for you to open up: your time, money, home, friendships or routines?
- Which barrier do you most recognise in yourself: lack of time, lack of generosity, or comfort and convenience?
- What could it mean to "clothe yourselves with compassion" (Colossians 3:12) when it does not come naturally?
- What is one practical step you could take this week to build compassion into your everyday life?

Putting It Into Practice

You do not need to start a project or take on something overwhelming. Think of one small, sustainable way to make room for compassion: giving someone your time, sharing a meal, offering practical help, making a phone call, or giving generously.

Share one realistic next step with the group. How could you use what God has given you to bless someone else?

Prayer

Pray for hearts shaped by the compassion of Jesus. Ask God to reveal any excuses or attitudes that hold you back, and to help you notice and respond to people in need.

- Pray for vulnerable people in your neighbourhood and wider community.
- Pray for opportunities to use your time, money, homes and gifts to show practical love.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you take your next step and “go and do likewise”.

Remember to engage the Holy Spirit and eagerly desire the prophetic.