

Deep Practice Discipleship Guide

Luke 10:25–37 — Compassion That Connects Life and Truth

1. Opening Reflection: Deep Practice Check-In (10–15 minutes)

Begin by inviting the group to reflect on their practice from last week.

Prompt Questions:

- What practice did you commit to last week?
- Where did you see progress or faithfulness?
- Where did you struggle or feel resistance?
- Did you notice any moments where God was shaping your heart through the practice?
- What did you learn about yourself or about following Jesus?

Encourage honesty and specificity. This is not about success or failure, but formation.

2. Sermon Reflection Outline (Leader Guide)

Big Idea:

Jesus brings theological truth down into everyday life and lifts everyday life back up into theological truth.

Movement 1: Compassion Starts with Real Questions

- *Luke 10:25* — “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- People are still asking:
 - What is the meaning of life?
 - Am I okay with God?
 - Is there more than this?

Key Insight:

- Jesus does not avoid hard questions—He engages them.

- Compassion listens and responds to real spiritual questions.

Discipleship Implication:

- Be willing to engage—not avoid—the deeper questions people carry.
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Movement 2: Compassion Makes Truth Accessible

- *Luke 10:27–28* — Love God, love neighbor.
- Jesus distills deep theological truth into something clear and livable.

Contrast:

- We often overcomplicate what Jesus makes accessible.

Illustration:

- Like explaining gravity simply by dropping a ball.

Key Insight:

- Compassion communicates truth in ways people can understand and respond to.

Discipleship Implication:

- Learn to express faith clearly, simply, and faithfully.
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Movement 3: Compassion Reveals What Love Really Looks Like

- *Luke 10:34–35* — The Samaritan acts.

What Love Looks Like:

- Crosses boundaries
- Is inconvenient
- Costs something
- Takes action

Key Insight:

- Compassion is not theoretical—it is embodied.

Discipleship Implication:

- Love must move from belief to visible action.
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Movement 4: Compassion Connects the Moment to What Matters Most

- Jesus moves from a practical question to eternal truth.

Reality of Ministry Moments:

- Sometimes people need help
- Sometimes people need hope
- Sometimes they are ready for both

Key Insight:

- Compassion pays attention to spiritual openness.

Discipleship Implication:

- Look for moments to gently point people to Jesus.
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Heart (Formation Focus):

Love people enough to:

- Offer accessible truth
 - Take opportunities to point others to Jesus
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Hands (Application):

- Practice explaining: “*What must I do to be saved?*”
 - Watch for opportunities to connect everyday moments to Jesus
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3. Discussion Questions (Bloom’s Taxonomy Progression)

Remembering

- What question does the lawyer ask Jesus in this passage?
- What are the two commands Jesus highlights?

Understanding

- Why do you think Jesus answers with both a question and a story?
- What stands out to you about how Jesus defines “neighbor”?

Applying

- Where in your life are you currently encountering people with deeper questions?
- How would you explain the message of salvation in a simple and accessible way?

Analyzing

- Why do we often make spiritual truth more complicated than Jesus does?
- What keeps us from acting like the Samaritan in real life?

Evaluating

- Which of the four movements of compassion do you find most challenging?
- When is it appropriate to speak about Jesus in everyday moments—and when might it not be?

Creating

- Write your own 2–3 sentence response to: “*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*”
- Describe a real-life scenario where you could both meet a need and point someone to Jesus.

4. Storying Exercise (15–20 minutes)

Story: Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

Read and Tell the Story Together (Acts 8:26-40):

- Philip is led by the Spirit to a desert road.
 - He meets an Ethiopian official reading Scripture but confused.
 - Philip begins with the man’s question and explains the good news about Jesus.
 - The man responds with faith and is baptized.
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Discussion Questions:

- What question is the Ethiopian asking or wrestling with?
 - How does Philip make truth accessible?
 - What does Philip do well in connecting the moment to Jesus?
 - What similarities do you see between this story and the Good Samaritan passage?
 - What can we learn about recognizing spiritual openness?
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5. Deep Practice Commitment (5–10 minutes)

Invite participants to prayerfully choose their next step.

Option 1: Continue Your Current Practice

- Stay consistent and go deeper.
- Refine how you are practicing.

Option 2: Choose a New Practice Based on This Week

Suggested Practices:

1. Simple Gospel Practice

- Write and rehearse a clear 2–3 sentence explanation of salvation.

2. Awareness Practice

- Each day, ask: *“Where might someone be open to hope or truth today?”*

3. Compassion in Action Practice

- Intentionally meet one tangible need this week (time, help, generosity).

4. Connection Practice

- Look for one moment to gently point someone toward Jesus in a natural way.
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Write It Down:

- What will I practice this week?
- When will I do it?

- How will I follow through?
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6. Closing Prayer

Close by inviting the group to pray together:

- For courage to engage real questions
- For clarity in sharing truth
- For compassion that acts
- For awareness of spiritual moments

You may also invite one or two people to pray for the group.