

# Discussion Questions

## INTRODUCTION

What if the compassion we gave to others were to bring them closer to Jesus? How could the simple act of compassion change the world around you?

## GETTING STARTED

1. Share an experience when you received compassion from someone. Who was involved? What happened?

## BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Acts 9:36-43. What sort of reputation did Tabitha have in Joppa? What (or who) gave the people of Joppa hope that Peter could help Tabitha even though she had already died? What was the result of Peter's compassion? (vs. 42) Write out a one sentence definition of compassion.
3. Read Deuteronomy 15:10-11 & Luke 12:33-34 & I John 3:15-18. What is the central theme of each of these passages? Identify some ways you are currently fulfilling this life principle with your life. What are some areas you'd like to be more involved showing compassion for the poor? What is holding you back?
4. Read Luke 4:16-21 & Isaiah 61:1-2. List the five ways Jesus fulfilled the writing of the Prophet Isaiah? What do you think Jesus meant when he proclaimed, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."? What might it look like to share the Gospel as you show compassion to others?

## NEXT STEPS

5. Set aside a few hours this week to practice compassion. Here are some examples:
  - a. Fill up a cooler with water bottles. Drive around town and give them out to people in need.
  - b. Rake the leaves of a neighbor's yard.
  - c. Visit an elderly home. Make sure to bring some goodies to share.
  - d. Give out food at a homeless shelter
  - e. Change the light bulbs for a family in needs.
  - f. Give an offering to Compassion Month at church
  - g. Think of something else?