

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Do we really need to care deeply about others? What if we understood that compassion was the crucial ingredient for real community?

GETTING STARTED

1. How have you recently witnessed or experienced compassion? What were the details and who was involved?

FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, made you curious, or helped you think more deeply?
3. Read Matthew 20:29-34. What specific steps of compassion did Jesus take with the two blind men? As a follower of Jesus, how can you incorporate these steps into your daily life?
4. Read Colossians 3:12-13a. What does it mean to you to be chosen by God, holy, and beloved? How does compassion for others serve as the gateway to kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience? Share a time when you were patient enough to bear another's burdens. What were the results?
5. Read Colossians 3:13. Share a time when you forgave someone for an offense. What did you experience when you let it go?
6. Read Colossians 3:14. How are we to "put on" love? Why do you think Paul said that love is the perfect bond of unity? How have you experienced this sort of love?
7. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

NEXT STEPS

8. What will you do now with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
9. Please make time to pray together.