



#struggles - Compassion

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What the Selfie?

1. We have to admit we are _____
with _____.

2. We have to admit it can cause us to _____, and an
overwhelming exposure to suffering _____.

3. We have to admit a _____
makes it easier not to _____.

What's our struggle?

We need to understand that, as followers of Christ, God calls us to so much more.

1. **Compassion Counts...and** _____.
(Matthew 18:27; Luke 10:33, 15:20)

2. **Compassion is** _____. *(Matthew 14:13-21)*

3. **Compassion is** _____.

Our Next Steps to Take Action...

1. Check out the Outreach Group opportunities on our app and website! Join a cause!
2. Make homeless care packets for your car with your kids!
3. Take someone you know that's hurting to coffee or lunch and show them compassion by listening or loving on them.
4. Call someone who could use encouragement.
5. Join a serve team.

Talk it Over:

“Compassion”

Big Idea:

As you scroll through your day, do you notice those hurting and less fortunate? When it comes to showing compassion, the #struggle is real. Most of us live in a constant hustle that results in overlooking others and avoiding the time it takes to show compassion. In a selfie centered world, we're pressured to measure up to other people's status updates and left with more #struggles. Today we look at how Jesus showed compassion & invites us to as well.

Discussion Questions:

- What's the most awkward overshare you've seen on social media? Take a few minutes to LOL.
- In your own life or in the lives of others, how have you noticed that people don't care as much?
- Share an example of something you would say you care about that you don't do anything about. Try to identify what's keeping you from turning those feelings into action.
- How has serving and caring for others impacted your life?
- Share a time when you showed compassion and it ended up changing you more than the person you were caring for.
- In real life, compassion interrupts our lives and has high costs. How can getting closer to Christ help you overcome those obstacles?
- It's been said, "The closer I get to Jesus, the less I care about me, and the more I care about people." How have you found this to be true for you?

Prayer Focus This Week:

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ."

God, thanks for the compassion You have shown me. Help me to be more like You by showing compassion to the people around me today. Help me to see people the way You see them. Help me to respond the way You'd respond if You were in place. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Next Steps:

- What can we do to put action to our compassion this week?
- How can our group show compassion together?
- Who is someone you love who could really use some actual care this week? What will you do to reach out to them?
- How and where is God calling you to care? What action will you take this week?