

Midweek small groups go deeper as we discuss, apply, and pray together. We're connected in community, reinforcing what we're learning, changing how we listen and learn on Sunday, and creating safe spaces to practise obeying the commands of Christ.

This week's teaching is about compassion. Help the students in your midweek small group understand that compassion isn't just a one-off event but a way of life.

HANGOUT

1. Discuss:
 - Did anything make your heart "overflow" with love or compassion or grief this week? If so, what was it? If not, what's something that usually makes your heart overflow with compassion?
 - Was there anything from the teaching that really stood out to you? If so, what was it? Why did it stand out?
 - How have you seen love or compassion or grief bring people together? Have you ever seen unlikely people brought together in these situations?

HEAR

2. Look up and read Luke 4:16-19.
3. Discuss:
 - According to this passage, what did Jesus come to do?
 - Who are the people groups he highlighted? Who are these people in our society today?
 - What would it look like for us to have compassionate hearts for these people?
4. Read Galatians 3:26-29.
5. Discuss:
 - What stands out to you in this passage? What point was Paul making to the Galatians?
 - Why do inequalities exist between people (e.g., rich and poor)?
 - List the imbalances you see reflected in the world, in the media, and in your daily life.
 - When do these imbalances work to your advantage or disadvantage?
 - Paul is writing to Christians only. What does this mean for how Christians interact with non-Christians?
 - What does this all mean for how we view others and for how we live our lives?

HUDDLE

6. Discuss:
 - As Jesus followers, we're committed to laying aside our differences and valuing all people. When have you seen this done well (or poorly)? What do you think God may be saying to you about how you're doing with this?
 - Who are the people in your sphere (e.g., school, home, neighbourhood) that God is filling your heart with compassion for? What do you believe is a first step or next step in engaging with them and allowing that compassion to spill out of you?
7. Pray together about what the students have shared and discussed.