



Compassion



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**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS**

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Key Verses: Matthew 14:13-21

GETTING STARTED

Compassion is the act of showing concern and care for those who are suffering or in need. It is a powerful reflection of God's love and mercy. Compassion goes beyond sympathy. While sympathy feels for others, compassion moves to act. Jesus' ministry is filled with moments where He shows deep compassion for people, whether in healing, teaching, or meeting their physical needs.

- What does it mean to show compassion to someone who is in need or experiencing hardship?
- Can you think of an example where you or someone else demonstrated compassion?

INTO THE WORD

Read Matthew 14:13-21

- How does Jesus' response to the crowd differ from how we might react when overwhelmed by needs?
- What do you think motivated Jesus to act with compassion despite His own grief and need for rest?
- The disciples were hesitant to help, believing they had nothing. How does Jesus' response challenge our ideas of what we can offer in difficult situations?
- What does it mean to bring the "little" we have to God for Him to multiply it?

GOING DEEPER

Compassion is rooted in the heart of God. It goes beyond mere pity—it's a heartfelt concern that moves us to help. Jesus' compassion was evident in both His actions and words. The miracle of feeding the 5,000 is a testimony that when we step out in compassion, God can take what seems small and use it for a greater purpose. Jesus could have fed the crowd without involving the disciples, yet He chooses to use them in this act of compassion. This teaches us that God invites us to be partners in His work.

- How do we, like the disciples, sometimes feel unequipped or inadequate to serve others? How can we overcome these fears and step into compassionate action?
- What does it look like to be actively involved in meeting others' needs, even when we feel we don't have enough to give?
- In what areas of your life do you need to rely more on God's provision rather than on your own resources? How can this change the way you respond to the needs of others?

PRAY TOGETHER