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Compassion Sunday What's Your Mission?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Matthew 25:31–46 (also James 1:27; Micah 6:8)

GETTING STARTED

Have you ever known God was sending you towards people, but found it easier to keep walking past them?

Compassion Sunday reminds us that mission can take us across the world. But Jesus also calls us to notice the people God has already placed around us. Mission isn't only something missionaries do — it's part of what it means to follow Jesus.

- When you hear the word mission, what do you normally think of — overseas, church programs, or something else?
- Where has God already placed you — your street, workplace, school, family, sporting club, friendship group or community?

INTO THE WORD

In Matthew 25, Jesus describes people who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, without clothing, sick and in prison. He doesn't treat caring for them as separate from our relationship with him:

"Most certainly I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

— Matthew 25:40

James 1:27 says genuine faith includes caring for orphans and widows in their distress. Micah 6:8 calls God's people to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with him. Compassion Sunday is the launching point — the bigger question is: if following Jesus sends us towards people, where is Jesus sending me?

- What stands out to you most in Matthew 25:31–46?
- Why do you think Jesus connects the way we treat vulnerable people with the way we treat him?

GOING DEEPER

Christians carry responsibility for needs that are far away as well as those right in front of us. Compassion walks with children experiencing poverty around the world. Jesus also keeps putting people in our own street, workplace and church family who are easy to overlook.

Don't try to solve every problem. Ask three questions instead: Who is God asking me to notice? Where is God asking me to serve? What is one thing I can actually do?

- James 1:27 names widows and orphans. Who might be overlooked or vulnerable in our community today?
- If somebody asked you, “What's your mission?”, what would you say right now — and what is one practical response you can make this week?

Prayer

Ask God to open your eyes to the people around you, give you compassion for those who are vulnerable, and show you the particular places where he is calling you to serve.

Lord, show me where you are already at work, who you are asking me to notice, and what you are asking me to do. Here I am. Send me. Amen.