

Creating Culture
"Compassion"

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We live in a broken world. A world that is in desperate need of restoration and relationship with its creator. God has chosen to use you and I in this mission. It is a mission that is accomplished through His people living out a culture of compassion.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless and see that they get justice." Proverbs 31:8-9 (NLT)

1. A Compassionate Person _____ Of God.

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me." Matthew 25:34-36 (NLT)

• Compassion is an _____.

2. A Compassionate Person _____ Of God.

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?" 1 John 3:16-17 (NLT)

• Compassion is _____.

"Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions." 1 John 3:18 (NLT)

3. A Compassionate Person _____ God.

"Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honors him". Proverbs 14:31 (NLT)

• To put _____ is to honor God.

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“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.” James 1:27 (NLT)

4. A Compassionate Person Is _____ By God.

*“And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”
Matthew 10:42 (NLT)*

• God’s blessing is both _____ and _____.

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Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been on the receiving end of a compassionate act? Share what that was like and what it did for your heart.
2. Read Matthew 25:34-36. How does seeing Jesus in the eyes of the needy change your view of the world? How does this change the way you live?
3. Read 1 John 3:18. Discuss the difference between empathy and compassion. What are some ways you can grow in being a more compassionate person?
4. How have you experienced God’s blessing as you have shown compassion to others? Perhaps on a mission trip, or serving in a particular ministry.
5. Is there a compassionate act that you can do together as a Life Group? Discuss and develop a plan to meet a need together.

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