

“Love Others Compassionately”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
Welcome • Welcome to Small Group! If you have new people in your group, please have each member introduce themselves and talk about why they decided to join your group, and what they hope to get out of it this semester. • Leaders: Set expectations for confidentiality, beginning and ending on time, and any other information your group may need to know about your meetings and group. Prayer • Take prayer requests and pray for each other.	Read • Matthew 9:35-38 • Matthew 14:13-16 Discuss • Pastor Steve said that “compassion should motivate us to action”. How did Jesus’ compassion motivate Him to act in these passages? How did He instruct His disciples to act? Read • Galatians 6:9-10 Discuss • We often fail to love others the way we should because of: (1) Compassion paralysis (2) Diffusion of responsibility (3) Compassion fatigue. Can you relate to any of these? How?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
Read • Mark 12:28-34 Discuss • During our Fall Sermon Series, we have been sharing that our “One Priority” as a church is to make disciples who: Love God <i>completely</i>, love self <i>correctly</i>, and love others <i>compassionately</i>. • Which one of these is most easy for you? Which one is most difficult? And why?	Questions • How might Jesus be calling you to love a biological family member, a church family member, or a stranger with compassion? Is there a particular situation you are struggling with? What would compassion look like in that situation? • What would change in your life if you “Did for one what you wish you could do for all?” • If we are called to love everyone, but <i>especially</i> those in the household of faith, how can our Small Group become a place where we can show this kind of compassionate love for one another?