Mission

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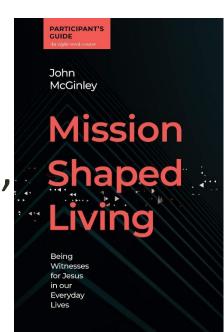
Living

Session 4: Compassion

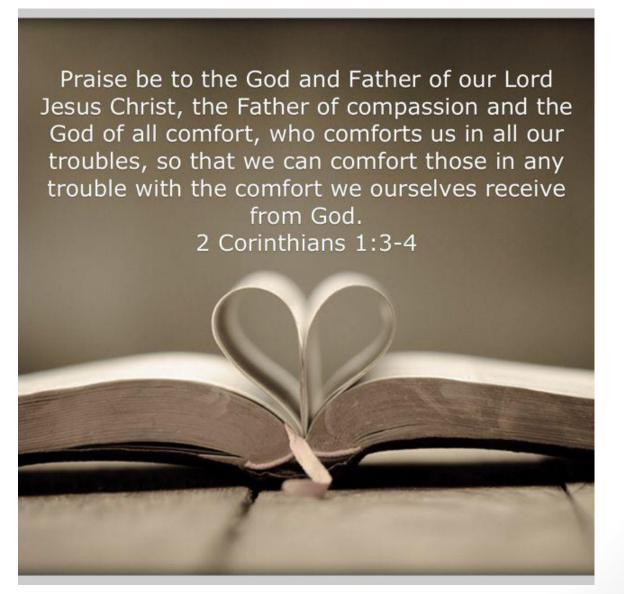
What most stayed with you or surprised you from last week's session?

Put your comment in chat...

What was your 'mission style' (p50-51)



Session 4: Compassion



We share from a heart of compassion

Jesus had 'compassion on the crowds'

- Work of evangelism:
 - PRAYER
 - CARE
 - SHARE

Mighty To Save

(Fielding/Morgan)

In breakout groups (p55-56)

- How are you?
- How did you get on praying for 5 people each day?
- Are there any signs of God answering your prayers in any way?
- Are there any other stories of God using you in mission?





2 Corinthians 5:14-21: Being an Ambassador

- Mission is a ministry of love and compassion
- Motivated by <u>Christ's</u> love for us... that compels us (v14)
- Ministry of reconciliation... repairing what is broken... especially broken relationships with God
- We are made new (v17) & given a ministry of reconciliation (v18)
- We are Christ's ambassadors (v20)



Questions:

- What does an ambassador do?
- What does this communicate about our role on behalf of God's kingdom in this world?
- How do you feel about being an ambassador for Christ on your 'frontline'?



Luke 15:1-10 (p58-59)

What does this tell us about:

- God and how he feels towards people who don't know him?
- His active response in looking for those who are lost?
- How do you need to respond?

Pray God gives you his love and his heart for the lost

Reckless Love

(Culver/Asbury/Jackson)

CCLI Song # 7089641 All rights reserved WHATEVER CITY YOU ENTER, AND THEY RECEIVE YOU ... HEAL THE SICK THERE, AND SAY TO THEM, 'THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR TO YOU.'

LUKE 10:8-9

Exercise (p59):

PRAY FOR 5

- 1. Prayerfully choose 5 people to pray for.
- 2. Write their names on this card to remind you.

LORD, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL LEAD...

TO YOU, AMEN



- Our sharing of others must come from a genuine love for them.
- Pick one of your 5 people and write down everything you know about them...
- What needs do they have that you could help meet in order to show God's love to them?

5 ways to BLESS your neighbours



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Begin with Prayer

Listen to them

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and God's story

Text a Friend (p60):

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TO YOU, AMEN



Exercise: Learning to pray with a non-Christian (p61-2)

- Ask for permission 'Can I pray for you?'
- Pray very short prayers & non-religious language
- Use the name of Jesus 'In the name of Jesus'
- Pray with your eyes open so it looks like a natural conversation
- If you are praying for physical healing, command the healing in the way Jesus did
- Example p62

Practice on each other.... In 3's... share a need & pray

Challenge...

Story p63

Whenever you hear someone express a need, offer to pray there and then.

'Can I pray for you?'

Lord Jesus Christ, I am no longer my own but yours.

In gratitude for your saving death on my behalf, I offer my life to you afresh.

Call me to the mission of your kingdom and open my eyes to the spiritual need of those around me.

Give me your love and compassion for the lost, and strengthen me with your grace to serve them and be a blessing to them.

Send me in the power of your Holy Spirit to witness to the gospel and reveal you to those I meet.

Teach me how to make disciples and where I need to change my attitude, lifestyle and habits.

I freely and wholeheartedly commit myself to this call, knowing that in everything you will give me your inspiration, strength and grace.

Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.

Amen