

CARE

Leader Conversation Guide – Care for People

Main Idea

Every one of us encounters moments where we're forced to decide how we will see the people around us. Will we look past need, or will we truly notice it? This week's message launched our new series, Care, reminding us that care begins with vision—the willingness to see what's happening around us and take steps to make a difference. Scripture shows us that righteousness is not passive; it pays attention, especially to those who are low, weak, or in need.

Through the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10, Jesus reframes what it means to love our neighbor. The priest and Levite saw a problem to avoid, but the Samaritan saw a person to be loved. Compassion was stirred not simply because he noticed the man, but because he allowed what he saw to move him to action. Care is more than a feeling—it's seeing, going, and giving.

This week's message reminded us that our ability to care is directly tied to our ability to see the way Jesus sees. When we open our eyes, our hearts follow, and our hands respond. As we begin our discussion, let's ask God to sharpen our vision, soften our hearts, and help us live as people who reflect His compassion in a world that desperately needs it.

**Then a despised Samaritan came along, and
when he saw the man, he felt compassion
for him. LUKE 10:33**

Make it Practical:

1. Care begins with seeing

- Care means perceiving and recognizing what is happening around us.
- Our ability to care is directly connected to our willingness to truly see.
- Jesus consistently saw people and responded with compassion.
- Scripture: Proverbs 29:7; Luke 10:33; Matthew 9:35–36; John 4:35

2. Everyone we encounter is a person to be loved

- In every relationship, we can be life-giving or life-taking.
- The priest and Levite saw a problem to avoid; the Samaritan saw a person to love.
- Love for God is demonstrated through love for our neighbor.
- Scripture: Luke 10:25–32; Luke 10:33; Luke 10:27

3. Care moves us to action and generosity

- Compassion is not passive; it goes, serves, and gives.
- When God calls us to care, He also provides the resources to do it.
- God promises renewal and guidance when we spend ourselves for others.
- Scripture: Luke 10:34–35; Proverbs 3:27–28; Isaiah 58:10–11

Talk About It

- In the story of the Good Samaritan, the priest and Levite both saw the injured man but chose not to engage. What are some common reasons we might notice a need but still hesitate to get involved, and how can we overcome those barriers?
- The sermon defined care as “seeing what’s happening around us and taking steps to make a difference.” Where has God been inviting you to slow down, open your eyes, and notice people or needs you may have overlooked recently?
- The Samaritan didn’t just feel compassion—he gave his time, energy, and resources. What does it look like for you personally to move from compassion to action in this season, and what might trusting God to resource your care require of you?

Our ability to care is based on our ability to see.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for opening our eyes to see people the way You see them. Give us hearts that are moved with compassion and hands that are willing to act. Help us not to walk past need, but to step in with love, courage, and generosity. Teach us to care well, trusting that You will resource us as we obey You. May our lives reflect Your heart to a world in need. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Next Steps

Practice intentional awareness

- Ask God each day to help you see people and needs you might normally overlook—at work, at home, or in your community—and choose to slow down enough to notice.

Respond to one need this week

- Take a practical step of care by serving, giving, encouraging, or helping someone in a tangible way, trusting God to use what you have.

Examine your posture toward others

- Reflect on whether you tend to see people as interruptions, problems, or opportunities to love, and invite the Holy Spirit to shape your heart to respond with compassion and action.