

# CARE

## Leader Conversation Guide – Care for People - Part 2

### Main Idea

Caring for people is central to the heart of God. Throughout Scripture, we see Jesus noticing those in need, feeling compassion for them, and moving toward them with love. He didn't just see crowds or problems—He saw people who were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

In Luke 10, the story of the Good Samaritan shows us that compassion is more than a feeling—it leads to action. True care begins with seeing, but it always moves us to step in, give of ourselves, and take responsibility for others. This week's message reminded us that when God calls us to care, He also provides what we need. As we begin our discussion, let's ask God to help us see people as He does and respond with compassion that moves us to action.

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

LUKE 10:33

### Make it Practical: How Do I Care for People this Year?

#### 1. Compassion Begins When We Truly See - Open Your Eyes

- Jesus noticed the crowds and was moved because they were harassed and helpless.
- Biblical compassion starts with seeing people through God's eyes, not ignoring their need.
- Compassion is more than sympathy; it is understanding that stirs the heart.
- Scripture: Matthew 9:35–36; Luke 10:33

#### 2. Compassion Always Moves Us to Action - Feel Compassion & Move Toward the Opportunity

- Real care doesn't stop at feeling—it steps in.
- The Good Samaritan went to the wounded man and met his need personally.
- We are called to move toward people, not wait for perfect conditions.
- Scripture: Luke 10:34; Proverbs 3:27–28

#### 3. Caring for People Requires Sacrifice and Trust - Give Freely

- Caring often costs time, comfort, and resources.
- When God calls us to care, He also provides what we need to do it.
- We are called to live generously and trust God with the outcome.
- Scripture: Luke 10:35; Isaiah 58:10–11

## Talk About It

- In your everyday life, what makes it easiest (or hardest) for you to truly notice people who may be hurting or in need? What might God be inviting you to see differently right now?
- The Good Samaritan didn't wait to be asked for help. Can you think of a time when caring for someone required you to take initiative or step outside your comfort zone? What did you learn from that experience?
- Caring for people often involves sacrifice of time, energy, or resources. What fears or hesitations tend to hold you back from stepping in, and how does trusting God's provision change the way you respond?

**Compassion isn't just something we feel,  
it's something we do. When God allows us  
to see a need, He is inviting us to move toward  
it with love and action.**

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us what true compassion looks like through Jesus. Help us to see people the way You see them and give us hearts that are moved to action. Give us the courage to step toward needs, the willingness to give of ourselves, and the trust to believe You will provide what we need. As we leave this time together, lead us to love others well and to live out what You've spoken to us today. In Jesus' name, amen.

## Next Steps

Ask God to help you see people differently.

- Begin each day by praying for eyes to notice those who are hurting, overlooked, or in need, and for a heart that responds with compassion rather than indifference.

Take one intentional step toward someone in need this week.

- Whether it's a conversation, an act of service, an encouraging message, or practical help, choose to move toward someone rather than waiting for the perfect moment.

Give generously and trust God with the cost.

- Be willing to sacrifice time, resources, or comfort to care for others, believing that when God calls you to care, He will also provide what you need.