

Compassion Sunday

1 John 3:16-18

MAIN IDEAS

- How Jesus loved
- How we interact with people in need

What are some characteristics of love as described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7?

What is the relationship between love and sacrifice? See John 15:13, John 3:16, and 1 John 3:16.

What are some ways we can sacrifice to love others, according to Philippians 2:3-4, Ephesians 4:32, Galatians 6:2, and 1 Corinthians 10:24?

What makes us able to love, according to 1 John 4:19, 1 John 4:7-8, Romans 5:5, and Luke 7:47?

How might someone seek to grow in their capacity to love?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What needs do you see in your family? Your church family? Your town? The world?

At each level, which needs touch your heart deepest?

How can you help meet those needs?

Take these ideas to God in prayer. Ask Him what He would have you do. Then follow His leading.

Meditate on just how much you've been forgiven. Cultivate your love for God and thank Him for the great grace and mercy He's given you.

Choose a verse from the study and memorize it this week.

GROUP RESPONSE

What are some needs your group can help meet?

Make a plan to work together to meet one or more of those needs. Love as a group.

REPRODUCE

Pray for those around you, that God will pour His Spirit on them. Pray they will grow:

- In their love and appreciation for God
- In their love and generosity toward others

KEY VERSES

- Luke 7:47
- John 3:16
- John 15:13
- Romans 5:5
- 1 Corinthians 10:24
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Galatians 6:2
- Ephesians 4:32
- Philippians 2:3-4
- 1 John 3:16-18
- 1 John 4:7-8
 - 1 John 4:19