



## TALK IT OVER

# COMPASSION SUNDAY



## ICE BREAKER

- Have you ever helped people in another country by going on a mission trip, sponsoring a child, or in another way?
- What unique talents do you have?



## READ

### **John 1:18 (NLT)**

“No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.”

### **Proverbs 3:27 (NLT)**

“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it’s in your power to help them.”



## QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. How can you leverage your unique talents to live on mission for Christ?
2. What motivates you most to live on mission: **a)** a greater sense of purpose, **b)** the joy of serving others, **c)** being loved and appreciated, or **d)** something else?
3. In 30 years, how do you want to feel when you look back over the decades of your life? What do you want to celebrate, and what regrets do you not want to have? How do you want this to shape your actions now?

4. Pastor David said, "Life on Mission is Love in Action!" How can you act out love in some way today?
5. How can you pray in order to more fully pursue a life on mission? For God to change your heart somehow? For more opportunities? For a fresh commitment to following Jesus' call on your life?
6. Take the Life on Mission Self-Assessment:
  - When was the last time I prayed for someone to say Yes to Jesus?
  - When was the last time I actively tried to explain my faith in Jesus to someone?
  - When was the last time I asked God to break my heart for what breaks his?
  - When was the last time I did a personal budget asking God, "Where are you leading me to give?"



## READ

### **II Corinthians 9:6-9 (NLT)**

"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.'"



## QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. How do you think a child sponsorship can change multiple generations?
2. Are you willing to sow seeds of life change into a child's life through sponsorship through Compassion?



## PRAYER

*Share prayer requests and pray*

Thank you Father for including us in your mission to save the world. Move us to act in the way you have designed us to, in the way of love-in-action. Open up opportunities for us and give

us the courage to say Yes and to go do something for others. Give us opportunities to talk to others about you, God. All that we are and all that we have belongs to you, Father. Show us how to give to those in need, maybe through Compassion. Please bless this ministry, and lead people to step up and help those children who don't yet have sponsors so they may have their needs met and come to know you personally. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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