

Renewal Part 7 – Renewal of Compassion

July 18, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



RENEWAL OF COMPASSION

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 7:1-17

- FAITH AND HUMILITY
- COMPASSIONATE MEETINGS
- LIVING OUT WHAT WE KNOW

Questions:

1. Icebreaker: Expressing compassion can be difficult sometimes. Do you struggle to be compassionate? Could you describe what or how a compassionate person looks like or acts?
2. The message was given by my BCC's missionary in the Czech Republic, Wes Robinson. It was based on Luke 7:1-17 (review the passage if you need to). Review the main points of the sermon. What stood out to you? Do you have any questions to bring up?
3. A common stereotype is that women are the compassionate ones and men are not. In what ways did Jesus and the Roman centurion buck this stereotype?
4. What is the difference between having an objective (factual) relationship and a subjective (experiential) relationship as it relates to God? To other people?
5. In what way is the body of Christ like a human body? How should the rest of the body of Christ react when one of its members falls into temptation or needs encouragement or help?
6. Hebrews 10:24-25 urges us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds". How do you, or how could you actively pursue this pattern with others?
7. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says, "Two are better than one... if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls in has no one to help him up!" If you were to fall, do you have a friend who would rush to help you up? If not, how can you find one?
8. Think about this statement: "Fellowship in the sense of partnership in the Gospel is not so much an activity to be enjoyed as a responsibility to be fulfilled." Do you agree or disagree?
9. It was not in spite of his greatness but because of his greatness that Jesus served, loved, and showed compassion. Regardless of your current position or spiritual maturity, are there opportunities in your life right now where you could be serving, loving others, and showing compassion?
10. Take some time to pray for each other's needs.