LIFE GROUP - WEEK EIGHT

Enjoying God's Compassion — Psalm 103

This Fall, our sermon series is a deep dive into one of our core values as a church: enjoying God. Each week, we will focus on a different attribute of God and discover how we can go beyond knowing about God intellectually and begin to enjoy God relationally.

SERMON RECAP

When God introduces himself to Moses in Exodus 34, he starts like this, "The Lord is a compassionate God..." For many of us, compassion might be one aspect of God that we acknowledge, but it's not the most prominent in our minds.

God is a compassionate Father who sees us, cares for us, and acts for our ultimate good. Though we sometimes struggle to believe it, that is who God is. And we are invited not to merely consume his good gifts, but to enjoy his compassion.

GETTING STARTED

Ice Breaker: How would you describe yourself in 3 words?

Going Deeper: Who is the most compassionate person you've ever known?

REMINDER

These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE - to God and one another - not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - head, heart, and hands. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

HEAD

If someone asked you to describe God, what are the first words that come to mind?

How does it impact you to know the first word God uses to describe himself is "compassionate?"

Drew mentioned the feeding of the 5000 as one example of God's compassion on display. What other passages of Scripture display God's compassion for his people?

Hint: It doesn't have to be a verse that uses the word "compassion." Think of passages that show that God sees, cares, and acts for our good.

HEART

How do you feel about the statement: "God is a compassionate Father who sees you, cares for you, and acts for your ultimate good."

What is the difference between "consuming" God's compassion and "enjoying" God's compassion? How might that play out in your life practically?

HANDS

Who is God inviting you to be compassionate toward as a way of displaying his compassion? Who is he inviting you to see, care for, and act for their ultimate good?

Have you been practicing enjoying God's compassion in the evenings this week? If so, what has that been like for you? If not, what is keeping you from enjoying God more?

PRAY TOGETHER

Close your discussion with a time of extended prayer (10-15min).

REMEMBER God's benefits - What are the good things he's given you?

RECEIVE God's care - Where do you see his love and compassion surroudning you?

REJOICE in God's compassion - Thank God for his compassionate care in your life!