

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE JESUS FILTER: WEEK 5

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What is the greatest act of compassion you've ever witnessed (or even been a part of)? What was the situation and how were people able to respond to it? What did this teach you about the nature of compassion? How has it impacted the ways you show compassion to others?

Read Mark 8:1-10. What does this passage show us about Jesus' compassion? What did He do when He saw the hunger of the crowd that had gathered to hear Him teach? How significant is it that He performed this miracle in a Gentile area? What does this teach us about the ability of compassion to break down barriers?

Would you describe compassion more as a feeling or as an action? How does Jesus show us that both are necessary? What can happen if we have one without the other (i.e. what if we feel compassion without doing anything or do acts of service without thinking about if they are really compassionate)? In what ways can these incomplete responses affect how people view the Gospel?

What are some obstacles/barriers to compassion today? How can we experience "compassion fatigue" as we become aware of all the needs around us? How can focusing on people "one at a time" help us practice compassion more effectively?

Bryson challenged us with three ways to show compassion (Practice Compassion Pauses, Practice the "Seven Loaves" Exercise, and Engage in One Act of Compassion Beyond Convenience). Which challenge can you live out this week? How can you make this challenge a part of your weekly routine going forward?

How do acts of compassion help us proclaim the Gospel to the world? How do they provide a tangible picture of what Christ has done for us? As you close your time together, pray that God would give you each the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel by the ways you compassionately serve others this week.