

THE JESUS WAY | DISCUSSION GUIDE

SESSION 3 Radical Empathy



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Opening Prayer

“God, we’re grateful for this time to gather as a community. Give us humility as we listen and grace as we speak. Help us practice patience and kindness with one another. Lead our conversation tonight. Amen..”



Overview

The third Jesus Way practice is Radical Empathy. Radical empathy invites us to seek to understand another person’s journey, emotions, and heart before rushing to judgment or response. It means listening deeply, making space for someone’s story, and honoring their humanity even when their experience is different from our own. Empathy is not agreement—it is the choice to understand with compassion, and it reflects the heart of Jesus toward others.



[Watch Session 3 Video Teaching: Radical Empathy](#)



Discussion Questions

1. Finish this phrase: "If you really knew me, you'd know that..."
2. What stood out to you from the teaching? What was something you heard that stuck with you right away?
3. Can you share a time when you wished someone had taken more time to understand what you were carrying? What would that have meant to you?
4. Can you share a time when someone listened to you with compassion and without judgment? How did that impact you?
5. How might practicing radical empathy actually change you, not just the other person?
6. What is your one takeaway from this week's practice?



Closing Prayer

"Lord, thank You for what we've shared and learned tonight. Continue forming us into people who reflect Your love. Help us carry these conversations into our lives this week. Amen.."