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SESSION 4 - SHARING MEMORIES

SERIES BIG IDEA

This series will challenge us to take a big-picture view on what truly matters: our most important relationships.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

We can be part of making life-changing memories by sharing with a child in need.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37 & 1 John 3:16-18

ICEBREAKER

What's something you've had buyer's remorse over?

OPENING THOUGHT

In the story of the Compassionate Neighbor, otherwise known as The Good Samaritan, we often put ourselves in the shoes of the Samaritan. Yet, how often do we have reasons, excuses, and appointments that keep us from seeing the physically, emotionally, or spiritually wounded around us? Pray as a group for God to open your heart and eyes to allow God's prompting to move you through this discussion.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

1. Read Luke 10:25-37, what stood out to you this time?
2. Who are your neighbors? What needs do they have?
3. Read 1 John 3:16-18, now that we are shown what love is, what are we called to do in concrete terms?

LIFE APPLICATION

Read the following quote from Henri Nouwen and then use the questions below to discuss it.: "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human."

4. Has anyone ever entered into your pain with true compassion? What was that like?
5. Compassion very simply means, "love in action." What are some compassionate acts you could do this week for your neighbors?
6. Have you ever given monthly to a poverty alleviating non-profit like Compassion International? What was that experience like?

CHALLENGE

Consider sponsoring a Compassion child or finding a way to get involved with Safe Families, either as a Host Family or coming alongside a host family as a "Family Friend." For more information about Safe Families, go to communitychristian.org/safefamilies to learn more. If neither of these is a possibility for you, what are some ways you could show compassion to someone else this week? Pick one of these challenges to pray over this week as an individual or as a family.