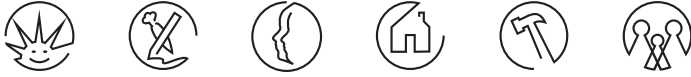


SERVE THE CITY



Death Defying Compassion | Week 2

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Related Passage: Mark 10:17-27

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Luke 10:25-37** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

- The "Good Samaritan" is an idea that is pretty familiar to most people in modern America. (Good Samaritan laws, charities etc). What comes to mind when you think about the idea of a "Good Samaritan?"
- What about the Good Samaritan's actions do you find the most challenging?
- How can you practice serving like the Samaritan (giving time, money, or yourself) to someone around you this week?
- We're about to spread out throughout our city to serve the marginalized and the needy through our Serve the City Weekend. Let's take some time now to pray together for the following things as we gear up for the weekend:
- Are there people in your life that you find it difficult to have compassion for and to serve? **Pray** that the Holy Spirit would change you and grow you in Christ-like compassion towards these people.

- **Pray** over STC weekend--specifically for the partnership that our LifeGroup is gearing up to serve with together. Pray for the employees and the clients of the partnerships we will be serving.
- Who are the people in your everyday life that you have regular opportunities to serve (coworkers, family, kids, spouses, roommates, classmates, etc.)? Pray for opportunities to be able to serve them like the Good Samaritan.
- **Pray** for the Holy Spirit to change your heart so that you will be able to see inconveniences as opportunities to serve one another.
- Another immediate application is to sign up for STC! Have you signed up for Serve the City Weekend yet? Spend some time as a group signing up right now.

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- Have you noticed apathy growing in any areas of your life?
- How would you currently describe your prayer life?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.