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### **Our Compassion Is A Reflection Of Jesus' Compassion.**

#### **The Cost Of Compassion:**

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**True compassion requires risk and sacrifice.**

### **What's keeping you from showing compassion like you should?**

"Compassion is more than just feeling sorry for someone; it involves actively seeking to alleviate their suffering and meet their needs. It is a tangible expression of love that reflects God's heart for His people."

– N.T. Wright

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The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Define compassion. What does this look like on a practical level?
2. Explain what this means: Our compassion should be a reflection of Jesus' compassion.
3. Do you operate under the assumption that eternal life and/or righteousness is something you can earn? Your first instinct might be to emphatically say "no!", but stop and examine your life. Is there any part of your life that reflects this mistaken philosophy?
4. The lawyer summed up the Old Testament Law by saying that we should love God with everything that we have and then love other people like we love ourselves. How is this easy? How is it difficult?
5. Read Colossians 2:13-14. Just how far do our own works carry us? What took the place of our best efforts?
6. Now read Colossians 3:12-13. Pay close attention to the first phrase of this passage. Now reread the rest of this passage with that in mind. How should you respond to Paul's instruction?
7. How might showing compassion cost you your time? Your security and safety? Your money and other resources?
8. What's keeping you from showing compassion like you should?
9. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: James 5:11; Lamentations 3:32; Psalm 51:1; Romans 9:15.