



The Week of November 28, 2021
Compassionate God
Conversation Guide

This Week's Take-Aways

- **About God:** (1 Corinthians 8:6) I believe there is one God who exists in 3 persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is perfect in all things. He is the creator of all things. He has made humanity in his image and he desires a personal relationship with each one of us.
- **About Humanity:** (John 3:16) I believe all people are fallen in sin, but loved by God who has taken the initiative to save humanity from its sinfulness.
- **About Christ:** (Hebrews 1:1-4) I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became man, lived a perfect life, died for sinners, rose from the dead and now reigns at the right hand of the Father.

Intro Questions

- How would you define compassion?
 - Have you ever given or received compassion?
- How would you describe God to your neighbor?
 - What questions might they have?
- What is the difference between grace and mercy?
- How can a loving God allow suffering in the world?

Compassionate & Gracious

Psalm 34- as you are reading this list out the characteristics of God found in this Psalm.

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will boast in the Lord;
the humble will hear and be glad.
Proclaim the Lord 's greatness with me;
let us exalt his name together.*

*I sought the Lord , and he answered me
and rescued me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant with joy;
their faces will never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him from all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and rescues them.*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good.
How happy is the person who takes refuge in him!
You who are his holy ones, fear the Lord ,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Young lions lack food and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord
will not lack any good thing.*

*Come, children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord .
Who is someone who desires life,
loving a long life to enjoy what is good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from deceitful speech.
Turn away from evil and do what is good;
seek peace and pursue it.*

*The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry for help.
The face of the Lord is set
against those who do what is evil,
to remove all memory of them from the earth.
The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near the brokenhearted;
he saves those crushed in spirit.*

*One who is righteous has many adversities,
but the Lord rescues him from them all.
He protects all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants,
and all who take refuge in him will not be punished.*

- List the Characteristics of God found in this Psalm.
- What should be our response to who God is?

Slow to Anger

Psalm 86:3-7

*Be gracious to me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.
Bring joy to your servant's life,
because I appeal to you, Lord.*

*For you, Lord, are kind and ready to forgive,
abounding in faithful love to all who call on you.
Lord, hear my prayer;
listen to my cries for mercy.
I call on you in the day of my distress,
for you will answer me.*

- What is the condition for receiving God's forgiveness and faithful love?

Abounding in faithful love and truth

Romans 8:31-39

What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

*Because of you
we are being put to death all day long;
we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- What was the ultimate example of God's love for us?

Next Steps

- Pray about how you, your family and/or Group can be a part of Season of Compassion.
- On December 19, Pastor David's message will be a special presentation of the plan of salvation! Start praying now about who you can invite to church with you on the 19th and/or to Nights of Wonder on December 23 & 24.