



**The Week of December 12, 2021
Setting a Compassionate Example
Conversation Guide**

This Week's Take-Aways

- I make disciples: (2 Timothy 2:2) I am engaged in intentional relationships with other believers to encourage them in their spiritual growth.
- I am engaged in the church: (Acts 2:46-47) I consistently connect with my church body for fellowship and community while using my spiritual gifts for ministry and encouragement.
- I show great compassion: (Psalm 82:3-4) I actively show my caring for those who are vulnerable in real and tangible ways.

Intro

- Who set the best example of compassion for you?
- What does the phrase "You may be the only Jesus some people see" mean?
- Who do you have influence over?

This week's conversation guide is a short one! After going over the verses here, discuss ways your group and/or family can show compassion and set an example for others. Start making practical plans to complete a service project together.

Setting an example

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

- What does it mean to let your light shine?
- What is the purpose of our good works?

Luke 6:37-42

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure – pressed down, shaken together, and running over – will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

He also told them a parable: "Can the blind guide the blind? Won't they both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

"Why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye, but don't notice the beam of wood in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you yourself don't see the beam of wood in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the beam of wood out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the splinter in your brother's eye."

- How is withholding judgment an act of compassion?
- We are disciples of Jesus. What kind of example did He set for us of compassion?

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

- What are some practical ways to provoke love and good works in others?
- Who has provoked you to love and good works? How did they do it?

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! Pray about who you can invite to church with you on the 19th and/or to Nights of Wonder on December 23 & 24.