



Small Group Study Guide – Week 5 Chapters 11 & 12

Warm-up

- What does compassion mean to you?

Word & Application

Let's answer the following questions to see how we act in compassion.

- When I see a poor man at an intersection with a sign asking for help, what do I do?
- When I hear of the number of babies who have been aborted since *Roe vs. Wade*, what is my response?
- When images of starving children flash across my TV screen, how does my heart react?
- When I learn of a widow neighbor having a lack of food because she's short of money, what is my initial reaction?

Proverbs 19:17 says, *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his deed."*

- When you look at where you are now, how has God taken you out of your comfort zone? How has it been a blessing in disguise and enlarged your life?
- If all of your efforts are close to home, how can you challenge yourself to help beyond your home and your church? Is God calling you to go on a mission trip or to help an outreach organization in a third world country?

Think big here and pray for God to prompt your heart!

How well you hear from God is in direct correlation to how connected you are to God. Answer the following questions to help determine how connected to God you are:

1. When you wake up each day, do you tell God "Good Morning" and thank Him for the rest He gave you?
2. When you are faced with a difficult decision, is God the first one that you turn to?

3. When tragedy strikes, do you run to the Lord?
4. When the Holy Spirit prompts you, do you quickly respond?
5. When something good happens in your life, do you thank God for His blessing?

When you wake up, God is there and so is the enemy. Throughout your day, God is there and so is the enemy. By staying attentive to God’s voice, we can live victoriously every day.

Ephesians 4:23-24 (Amplified) – *“Be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude), and put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.”*

God yearns for you to be fearless, confident and to consistently approach His throne. To experience lasting change, truth must be applied to your life and coupled with consistent, spirit-led action.

- What action(s) is the Holy Spirit prompting you take?
- As we conclude this 5-week study, what is the one thing that God has continually spoken to you about?

Verses from the book of Psalm to keep you on track and give you direction.

IF YOU NEED TO...	TAKE TIME TO CAREFULLY READ...
Enter into God’s presence	Psalm 29, 95, 96, 100
Learn and think about God’s goodness	Psalm 1, 19, 24, 133, 136, 139
Praise and thank the Lord	Psalm 8, 97, 103, 107, 113, 145, 150
Repent and ask God to forgive you of sin	Psalm 32, 51, 103
Find help and hope in times of trouble	Psalm 3, 14, 22, 37, 42, 46, 53, 116
Increase your confidence and trust in God	Psalm 23, 40, 91, 121, 127
Get direction for decisions you must make	Psalm 25

Prayer

Ask God to help each member’s heart to grow in godly compassion. Ask God for guidance and creative ideas on how to help others in this world and act upon the compassion in your hearts.