



Liking Jesus Viewer Guide Session 4: Resurrecting Compassion

Group Discussion

Take time to talk about what you just watched.

1. What part of the teaching had the most impact on you?

Caring More or Less

2. Craig described how a constant barrage of information can lead to desensitization — we care less because we see so much. Describe how you notice this in yourself by completing this sentence: *I know I'm desensitized to information about suffering when . . .*

3. Craig described how compassion — putting love into action — almost always interrupts our agendas.

- Have you ever had what turned out to be a divine interruption — God prompting you to respond to something or someone that wasn't on your agenda? What happened? What might you have missed had you not allowed yourself to be interrupted?
- Author Bob Goff once tweeted, "The battle for our hearts is fought on the pages of our calendar. It's Thursday — quit something." In other words, if the speed at which you're living makes it nearly impossible for you to at least temporarily set aside your agenda, you're not only too busy, but you're losing the battle for your heart.

How is this battle taking place on your calendar these days? For example, in what area of your daily life are you most resistant to having your schedule or agenda interrupted?

How willing are you to quit something — to rearrange your life and schedule to make more room for divine interruptions?

4. Clicking is clean, but compassion is both costly and complicated.

- Craig described "drive-by compassion" as doing the least and easiest thing we can do to show that we care. When are you most likely to engage in drive-by compassion?
- What kinds of things has compassion cost you over the years? What has it cost you lately?

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7. It's often easy to see how compassion changes the lives of those on the receiving end — the hungry are fed, the lonely are comforted, the wounded are healed. But compassion also changes those on the giving end — the stingy become generous, the selfish become servants, the fearful become trusting.

What changes if you think of compassion less as an isolated action and more as God's transformation plan for you — the means by which he is making you more like Jesus?

8. Touch base with each other about how you're doing in the group. Use one of the sentence starters below, or your own statement, to help group members learn more about how to be good friends to you.

I want to give you permission to challenge me more about . . .

An area where I really need your help or sensitivity is . . .

It always helps me to feel more connected to the group when . . .

Something I've learned about myself because of this group is . . .