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**We Do Hard Things- #4 Compassion Sunday**  
**Scripture; Acts 2:44-46**

**March 05, 2023**

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**DAILY DEVOTION**

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!

<http://bible.com/r/2i>

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**INSPIRATION**

"I have become convinced that if God stands a child before you, for just even a minute, it is a divine appointment."

Wess Stafford: former president and CEO of Compassion International

"But when Adults speak up for the vulnerable and the weak, working and demanding that safety and respect prevail, God's little lambs are protected and nourished. They know they are not abandoned; they are loved. And the world becomes a little more like heaven as a result." Wess Stafford

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**ICE BREAKER**

1. Share a favorite childhood memory
  2. How was God speaking to you during Sunday's church service.
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**DEEP DIVE**

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

"Being a fully devoted follower of Jesus just doesn't happen – when you give yourself to Jesus – one of the things that we promise to do in the New Covenant agreement with God – we are going to become like Jesus in our attitude and actions." Mark Chitwod



**Read Romans 12:1-2 and then answer the following questions:**

3. Being a fully devoted follower of Jesus doesn't just happen...How are you being intentional about becoming more devoted during this series?
4. What are things that come up in your life /(or thoughts ) that we can pray for that can be a barrier to you being a fully devoted follower of Jesus?
5. What are your thoughts about this scripture? What does it mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind?

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

"People started giving – they gave to anyone who had a need. They looked around and saw – there are people who are really hurting – who could use some help"

**Read Luke 9:23 and then answer the following questions:**

6. The Bible and Mark describe that people who follow Jesus must learn the rhythm of self-denial. Why is this easy or hard for you?
7. Share what stood out in your heart or mind about what Paul shared.
8. How have you experienced compassion? How is God calling you to do hard things in order to take a step towards becoming more compassionate?
9. What does it mean to be moved with Compassion?

**Additional Study**

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Philip 2:5
- Matthew 14:14-21

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**NEXT STEPS**

10. How are you going to apply the lessons learned in the message this week?
11. What can you do to encourage someone in your group to take their next step?

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**PRAYER**

1. After sharing prayer requests, pair up with someone and pray. Pray for that person throughout the week.
2. Is there someone in your group that you can grab coffee with and encourage this week?



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## **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.