

Sermon Based Small Group Guide  
November 4, 2018 sermon:  
***Parables: "Who is my neighbor?"***

**Warm up:** (15-20 minutes)

Question for discussion:

1.) Can you think of a time when you saw someone else's need and you either stepped out of your comfort zone to meet that need, or you played it cautious and held back?

How did you feel before and after either response?

What are some of the reasons we can give for not stopping to help people in need who come across our path?

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. Jesus was often interrupted by people seeking to have their needs met. At times, he was mobbed by people much like what happens when movie stars and celebrities go out in public today. What do you notice about how he handled those interruptions from the following passages?

Mark 10:46-52    Luke 8:40-48

What could help you take notice and pay attention to the needs of others instead of seeing their needs as an interruption?

What can distract you from taking notice of these needs?

2. One of the points this weekend in defining biblical compassion was to "do what you can." How do you see this point revealed in Jesus' involvement with a group of needy and hurting people in Mark 1:32-39?

3. Because there were so many hurting and needy people during the time when the Bible was written, it can serve as a great guide for knowing how to respond to people in need. What guidelines and cautions do the following passages offer for helping us live a more compassionate life?

Proverbs 14:31    Proverbs 31:8-9    Matthew 6:1-4

**Application:** (5-10 minutes) Does anyone come to mind when you ask yourself this question, "Who do I know that is hurting or needy that could use my help this week?" What could you do to specifically help that person?