

HUMBLE & HUNGRY

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Humble & Hungry: Week 1

CONNECT

- Growing up, was there a brand/type of shoes you wanted to wear? Why?
- What is your favorite pair of shoes to wear now? Why?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

Read Luke 23:26-31 together.

- Simon Of Cyrene encouraged in Matthew, Mark & Luke. It is also worth noting that this was not the plan for his stay in Jerusalem during Passover. He was forced to carry the cross by Roman soldiers. Many scholars believe that this unexpected encounter would change Simon's & his families' lives forever (Mark 15:21 & Romans 16:13). **What disappointments or unexpected events have you encountered that you can look back and see as a blessing?**
- Jesus is making His way to the cross when He overhears those mourning for Him. What's more amazing is that He has compassion for them. He is more concerned about what lays ahead for them (destruction of Jerusalem in 70A.D.) than what lays before Him (the cross). **What difference does it make to you to know that Jesus was full of compassion toward people?**
- Using the following passages, **what example does Jesus set for us in terms of compassion? Read Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 7:11-17, & Hebrews 4:14-16**
- Empathy is the capacity to feel another person's feelings, thoughts, or attitudes. It is our ability to step into someone's story, because you can't love what you don't know. Compassion is the action step and overflow of empathy. **What's an example of someone empathizing with you? What impact did that person's actions have on you?**

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Read Romans 12:9-21 together.

- In a few short verses, Paul presents a comprehensive picture of compassion and love in action. **What part of this passage is resonating or challenging you?**
- We are following a God who notices our pain, carries our pain, and gives us hope in our pain. In turn, He calls us to do the same. Even towards those who might be difficult. Author Bob Goff writes, “There are plenty of people I don’t understand. I suppose some are trolls and some aren’t. God doesn’t see people the way I do, though. The ones I see as problems, God sees as sons and daughters, made in His image. The ones I see as difficult, He sees as delightfully different. The fact is, what skews my view of people who are sometimes hard to be around is that God is working on different things in their lives than He is working on in mine.”¹ **How can you take steps to love the difficult people in your life? What are some challenges that you think you will have in doing this?**
- Romans 12:15 defines empathy, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Often we tend to avoid rejoicing with others due to feelings of competition or jealousy. We also tend to avoid mourning with others due to a desire to stay out of the mess. Whether rejoicing or mourning it requires presence, and both are opportunities to love others well. Take a moment and live this verse out. **What do you need to celebrate together in your group? What do you need to mourn together in your group?** Write down your answers and bring these praises and prayers to God to close out your group time.

CALLING

- **Who might need your empathy and compassion this week? How can you reach out to encourage or walk alongside them?**
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with the *Humble & Hungry* devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside’s App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Romans 12:15 (NIV).
- **Further Study:** Read *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff

¹ Bob Goff. *Everybody Always* (Nelson Books, 2018), 42.