



Sermon Discussion Guide

The Compassion of Jesus - Christian Lindbeck

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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.
- Have you ever witnessed a miracle or healing? What was that like?
- What is something you have learned from the Luke series so far?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:
- After reading this passage, if you were to describe Jesus with one word, what would it be?
- What caused Jesus to intervene at this moment?
- What was Jesus' response to the pain of the woman?
- What commands did Jesus give?
- What do we learn about Jesus' power from this passage?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- What do you think it would have been like to witness this encounter? How do you think it affected the people that saw it?
- Jesus acts out of deep compassion for the woman. How have you seen Jesus act with similar compassion in your life?
- Jesus was actively leading a crowd of people, what is significant about Jesus stopping to help this one woman at this moment?
 - What kind of leader does this show us that Jesus is?



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Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- When you think of God do you think of him as compassionate? If not, what keeps you from seeing him that way?
- Jesus showed his willingness to be interruptable and his deep compassion. How interruptable and compassionate are you currently?
 - What steps could you take to reflect Jesus more in this way?
- What are current places where you can practically show Jesus-like compassion?

Time of Prayer