## C3 GROUP QUESTIONS F2022-WEEK 9 10/30/22

#### Getting Started with a Warm-Up:

• "CHILDREN AND POVERTY: What the Bible Says About Compassion"

Compassion alludes to kindness and sympathy, but there is something deeper, something even more profoundly powerful, in its meaning.

The origin of the word helps us grasp the true breadth and significance of compassion. In Latin, 'compati' means "suffer with." Compassion means someone else's heartbreak becomes your heartbreak. Another's suffering becomes your suffering. True compassion changes the way we live.

"We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or omit to do, and more in the light of what they suffer." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

(Compassion website, accessed 10/21/22, <u>https://www.compassion.com/poverty/what-does-the-bible-say-about-compassion.htm</u>)

• In your own words how do you define compassion?

• What passage of scripture or Bible story comes to mind when you think of compassion?

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#### Getting Down to Business:

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

### 1) Scripture/Observation:

A. Read Colossians 3:12. Why do you think the challenge to be compassionate is described as "clothe yourselves with compassion"?

B. Read Matthew 9:36. How is alert observation involved in Christ-like compassion?

C. Read Matthew 14:10-14. Why does Christ-like compassion involve looking beyond self?

D. Read Matthew. 14:18-19; Luke 7:13, 10:33-34. What types of action does Christ-like compassion involve?

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### 2) Application:

A. Read Philippians 2:3-8. Explain how we can display Christ-like compassion that looks beyond self.

B. Read Colossians 3:12. Explain whether you believe Christ-like compassion is a choice or a responsibility?

**3) Prayer:** As you pray, ask God to work on your heart and mature your faith in Christ to further develop your compassion for others by giving you opportunities to put Christ-like compassion into action.

14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? (James 2:14-16 NLT)