



Getting-to-know-you questions:

For a new group:

Which movie villain would be your worst enemy?
Why?

For an established group:

Who has been an example of compassion to you?
What are some qualities that stand out to you about them?

From the message:

- 1) Read Matthew 8:1-4. What stands out to you about this interaction between Jesus and the man with leprosy?
- 2) What social barriers did Jesus ignore in His interaction with the woman at the well? What would be some current day situations where we would have opportunity to do the same?
- 3) What situations cause you the most difficulty when it comes to being compassionate? Why?
- 4) How does being compassionate open up opportunities for sharing the Gospel?
- 5) What project could your small group contribute to through time or finances in the coming weeks?

Read:

John 4:1-23

And

Watch:

Love in Chaos Bob Goff Session 5 - Love your Enemy
Or <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/794340?session=804492>

Discuss from the readings:

- 1) Why was the woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her?
- 2) Jesus knew of this woman's past, but what was He most concerned about for her?
- 3) The disciples "marveled" that Jesus was talking with the Samaritan woman. What does that tell us may be the reaction of others when we reach out to those who are cultural outcasts?
- 4) What was the impact in the city because Jesus showed love to this woman?

Discuss from the video:

- 1) For what reasons do you find it difficult to love your neighbors? How much more difficult is it to love your enemies than your neighbors?
- 2) How do you tend to treat your enemies, both in your mind and practically?
- 3) In what ways can obeying Jesus's command to love our enemies affect them? In what ways can it change our hearts?
- 4) How does the realization that you can be disagreeable help you to love others who are as well?
- 5) What could it look like to love your enemies in a tangible way this week?

*Questions taken from RNM

Prayer:

- 1) Pray that for the eyes to see and heart to respond to those who need compassion.