



# Compassion

**Bottom Line:** God has given you the feet to do something for Him – go do it!

**Key Scripture:** Romans 10: 14-15

***A Note To Group Leaders:***

***Keep in mind the goal of every meeting is to create meaningful conversation and connection. Feel free to choose a few questions for discussion and adjust questions as needed.***

## The Setup

How beautiful are feet? Your feet? The feet of the person sitting or standing next to you? What would life be like if you didn't have your feet? You probably don't think about feet much, but our feet play a crucial role for us each and every day. They provide our foundation when we stand. They get us to where we need to go and can take us to places familiar and never before seen. And upon our feet, we can go and make a difference in the hearts and lives of the oppressed as well as the physically and spiritually malnourished. How beautiful are the feet.

## Thought Starters

When was the last time you received good news? What was it and what impact did it have on you?

What are some situations in this world that break your heart? Make a quick list among the group. How many of the situations on your list take place in your community?

When have you volunteered or served and the results impacted you more than those you were serving? Explain.

## Questions For Reflection

***Read Romans 10: 5-15 and 1 Corinthians 15: 1-4***

In our main verses for this study, Romans 10: 14-15, we see Paul uses the phrase "How then." These two words are a transition phrase joining Paul's main point in Romans 10:5-13 with how his main point is to get accomplished in verses 14 through 15.

What is Paul trying to get across to the believers in Romans 10:5-13?

In verse 8, Paul talks about 'the word of faith which we are preaching.' When you look again at 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, what is Paul proclaiming? Why is this called "good news?" To whom would this not be considered good news?

**Reread verses 8-10.** Why do you think these verses talk about both believing in your heart and proclaiming with your mouth? Why are both important? Once we have believed in Christ as our Savior, how far should we go in proclaiming our faith in Him?

**Reread Romans 10: 14-15.** One of the most interesting aspects of this passage is the “they” Paul is writing about are God’s chosen people, the Israelites. What an amazing picture here of God’s desire for everyone, even those who should be closest to Him, to make the choice for Him through the understanding of His Son, Jesus Christ. And, the way He wants us to learn about Him is through the life-change of those who’ve made the choice.

What does it mean to “preach the gospel” to someone?

What are effective ways of telling someone about Jesus? What are some ineffective ways?

What does it mean to be a preacher? Would you consider yourself a ‘preacher?’ Why or why not?

In verse 15, what do you think Paul had in mind when he talks about sending?

What stands in the way of us sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others? How can we get around these obstacles?

## **Application In Your Life**

One of the most amazing events in human history is when Moses, under the guidance of the Lord, rose up and led 3 million Israelites out of Egyptian slavery (Exodus 1:1-18:27.) The Lord stirred something inside Moses’ heart and compelled him to rise above his own fears and right an injustice in the world (Exodus 4:18.)

What about you? What in this world breaks your heart? Who in this world needs you this week in order to know there is something more than that which is only seen? Who needs the compassion Christ has put in you, the kind of compassion only you can give? When you act out of compassion for others, what tends to happen is:

1. Something is unleashed to heal and restore your heart. (Psalm 23:3)
2. You receive a different, sometimes broader perspective on what is happening in your community and around the world. (Isaiah 50:4-5)
3. Your one action begins a current that leads to more realization, further action and greater benefit in the name of Christ. (Matthew 13:31-32)

## **Read James 1:21-27**

What are ways in which you can proclaim Christ to others with your life? Use the table on this page and the top of the next to write out some ideas.

At Work	
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At Home	
In The Community	
Around The World	

## Something To Do Before The Next Group Meeting

The following are a few ideas to help you become the feet of Christ and share His compassion with those in need around you.



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**SERVE with your group or your family.** Use [VolunteerMatch.org](http://VolunteerMatch.org) to find opportunities going on this week, this month or this year. Projects are organized by zip code, organization and group type.



**READ John 13:12-17.** After you have read this passage, take 10 to 15 minutes and think through the following:

- If Jesus wanted to serve you, what would be your response? Would you let Him? Why or why not?
- Spend a few minutes with your eyes closed and ask God, “Lord, what do you want me to do for you?” Have a journal or notebook and write down what you feel He is saying. If you don’t get anything at this moment, write down this question and come back to it in an hour or a day.



**FIND OUT** how much a really good pedicure would cost. I mean, a REALLY good pedicure! Then, find a cause you really have a heart for and donate that amount. Or, pay for the next person who walks in the door and ask the clerk to ask if that person would like to ‘pay it forward’ as well.

- Were you surprised at how much a pedicure cost?
- How did it feel to help?



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