

Hello!

Welcome to the CCF Youth Ministry weekly Devotional! We want to help you press into our Lord and Savior during this uncertain time. Our hope is that you are enriched by time spent studying God's word and the reflection readings that are provided. Follow each step and spend intentional time on each step. All you need is a Bible, this outline, journal/notebook and a writing utensil! Let's jump in together!

Theme: Compassion

I. Opening Prayer

Loving Father, teach me to love and care for those that need you today. Those who are pressed over and do not feel love unless I love them for you. May Christ's love for others be felt through me today. In your name and by your power, I pray for these things. Amen. - **Disciplines for the Inner Life by Michael Benson.**

II. Read Psalm 103 (Read and journal your thoughts and observations)

III. Scripture Readings

Matthew 9:35-38

Psalm 41:-1-3

John 13:1-17

Isaiah 58:6-12

IV. Readings for Reflection

You can't force the heart. Genuine compassion cannot be imposed from without. It doesn't happen simply by hearing a sermon on love, or being sent on a loving mission... Compassion, which is the very life of God within us, comes through slow and often difficult metamorphosis deep within the human soul. - **When the Heart Waits by Sue Monk Kidd**

And while God does not ask any of us to bring Christ into the world as literally as did Mary, God calls each of us to become a God Bearer through whom God may enter the world again and again. - **The Godbearing Life by Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster**

Love is one the most misused words in our language. It is unfortunate that a word so precious has become so abused. Love is a word that can become flesh in each of our lives. This fleshed out Word of Love is a mystery. It is the Mystery of God living and acting in our lives. It is the mystery of God ministering through our touch, and through our voice. It is a God seeing through our eyes.

Love is blind, we like to say, but NO; Love is not blind. The ego is blind. All it can see is itself. But love is not blind. Love is pure vision! God, seeing through us! The more we will allow God to see through us, the more we will notice a great healing taking place in our world. - **Seasons of Your Heart by Macrina Wiederkehr**

- V. Reflection and Listening (spend time in silence and prayer and ask for God to help you see what you need to see)**

- VI. Song - Sinking Deep by Hillsong Young and Free. Trust me, you want to listen to the 'live' version! (Spend time in worship with our God)**

- I. Closing prayer**