

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for Feb 3-4, 2018:
#struggles: compassion



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
 - What do you appreciate about social media? What drives you crazy?
- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Think of something you feel bad about not feeling bad about. Then finish the sentence: I honestly couldn't care less about _____?
- Has it been your experience that caring among people is increasing or decreasing? Why do you think that's so?
- What material possessions could you be giving away?
- When have you observed or experienced deep compassion that led to self-giving action?
- What is one thing you care about but don't do anything about? What gets in the way of turning those feelings into action?
- Discuss: *Caring is not liking a post but loving a person.* Craig Groeschel
- **Serve**
 - How and where is God calling you to care? What action will you take this week?
- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**