

# Small Group Guide

## Various Passages

### From the sermon - Mark That Person



*But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

1 John 3:17-18

#### Discuss

1. What are some situations that move you towards compassion? Why do they move you?
2. Based on these passages, what moved Jesus towards compassion? What does this tell you about the heart of God? (Mark 1:40-45, Mark 8:1-10, 1 John 3:17, Matt 9:35-38)
3. What things in your life stifle your ability to be compassionate?
4. List some ways a selfish lifestyle contrasts to a compassionate lifestyle?

#### Fill in the blank

- When you are selfish your passion is towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - When you are selfless your passion is towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - When you are selfish your focus is towards \_\_\_\_\_
  - When you are selfless your focus is towards \_\_\_\_\_
5. What does 1 John 3:17-18 say about the hypocrisy of Christians who live a selfish lifestyle? What are we called to do instead?
  6. What are some practical ways that you can reflect Jesus' compassion this holiday season?

**Next small group meets November 24th**