

Growth Group Discussion Questions
For Our Growth Groups
“Mind Games”- Part 2
“Where Jesus’ Kind Of Compassion Leads You”
Week of October 24, 2021

Summary- *Mind Games* is a series of messages showing us how significant our thinking is in determining our current and future behavior. It shows us how essential transformation of our thinking is, if we are to truly follow Jesus. It will take a new way of thinking to go where He wants us to go so we can serve Him and love the people He died for and rose again.

This week, we explored what real compassion is all about. Jesus kind of compassion, that cares for the lost and hurting around us, but then does something about what you (Jesus) care about! That meant in Jesus case, seeing the condition of the lost and confused people around Him, He called His disciples to join Him in the harvest of souls, and... to pray for more workers since the job of reaching lost people is a big one!!

That compassion leads us to Missions Weekend and to our own compassion for people around us and putting “our compassion” into action. We had a good response on Sunday and more now as we make some decisions to make on our own responses going forward.

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What did you like best about the Missions Weekend activities at Baycities this past Sunday?
2. As a Christian, what things truly break your heart about the people & culture we live in here in Southern California? Nationally? Around the world?
3. Do you expect the conditions that break your heart today to change over the next few years? Why or why not?

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1. Look at Matt. 9:36 to answer the following question:

Matt. 9:36 When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- a. What are some things described in this verse that triggered Jesus’ compassion?

- b. What do you think demonstrated the **confusion** that Jesus picked up on in people's lives around Him at that time? What do people feel confused about today?
 - c. What do you think demonstrated the **helplessness** that Jesus picked up on in the people's lives around Him? What do people feel helpless about today?
 - d. What answer(s) did Jesus bring to the helplessness and confusion that was being experienced by the people who were alive in Jesus day?
 - e. What answer(s) do you bring as a Christian to the helplessness and confusion that is being experienced today by the people who live in your neighborhoods?
2. We talked about compassion, for Jesus, was not just an emotional experience but resulted in Him taking action to deal with what moved His heart.
- a. What ministries or opportunities to reach out to lost people or hurting people are interesting to you to possibly participate in?
 - b. What do you need to do to actually get involved?
 - c. What question(s) do you have that may be keeping you from jumping in to a ministry opportunity where you could make a difference in someone's life now and/or for their eternity? (salvation)
 - d. Jesus encouraged us to pray for God to send out more workers into His fields because the harvest is ready for harvesting and it's a big job. What's your next step to become a more effective "worker" in the "field" you're in right now?