

DISCUSSION CUES

September 25

Sermon Synopsis:

This sermon explores how we can reflect God's compassion by comforting others with the same comfort we receive from Him. It emphasizes that true compassion involves being present with those in pain, sharing God's love through actions and words, and supporting others in their struggles. The message calls us to take practical steps to care for those in need, encouraging us to be a beacon of God's love and hope in a hurting world.

Key Bible Passages:

- "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16
- "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Memory Verse for the Month:

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FAITH IN ACTION

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Head (Understanding)

- What does it mean to reflect God's compassion according to 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, and why is it important for us to comfort others as God comforts us?
- How does the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19:3-8 demonstrate God's approach to providing comfort and strength during times of despair?
- Why is God's act of sending Jesus described as the ultimate example of compassion, and how does this act shape our understanding of love and sacrifice?

Heart (Reflection)

- Can you recall a time when you received comfort during a difficult situation? How did it impact you, and what emotions did it stir within you?
- When you think about comforting others, what fears or hesitations come to mind? How do you think God wants to address those feelings in your life?
- Reflect on a moment when you were able to comfort someone else. How did it deepen your understanding of God's love and presence?

Hands (Action)

- Identify one person in your life who may be going through a difficult time. How can you intentionally offer them comfort this week, whether through a phone call, a note, or an act of service?
- How can you create space in your daily routine to be more present and attentive to those who may need support or comfort?
- Consider joining or starting a small group or ministry focused on supporting those in need. What steps can you take to involve yourself or others in this mission of compassion?