



## Week #1: The Way of Compassion

**For:** “In favor of someone or something.”

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Luke 10:30-37 (NASB)

### The Progression of Compassion:

1. Do acts of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ investments.
3. Be a \_\_\_\_\_ for change.

*“...Do good things **for** the city I sent you to. Pray to the Lord **for** the city you are living in, because if there is peace in that city, you will have peace also.”*

Jeremiah 29:7 (ERV)

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Take an honest look at your daily life and routine. Do you, if not routinely maybe occasionally, take the time to actively look for ways to help others in need? If so, how have you met those needs?
2. If not, is there anything hindering you from seeing the needs around you? If so, what are they? What practices/habits would be helpful for you to engage in to see more readily the needs around you and act upon them?
3. Is there someone that needs your attention? How might you comfort them or tangibly meet their needs today?

### **Recommended Resources**

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### **The Progression of Compassion:**

1. Do acts of kindness.
2. Make relational and financial investments.
3. Be a catalyst for change.

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