

# Compassion

*Isaiah 61:1-2*

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,*

**INTRODUCTION:** Start by asking someone to open in prayer.  
Share a situation where you have experienced the Lord's favour in recent weeks.

READ Isaiah 61:1-2 and share any revelations or insights:

- What stood out to you?
- Did anything challenge you?
- Did anything encourage you?

Nikky shared of the importance of sponsoring a child and building a relationship  
How have relationships built your faith?  
How could you make sure that "building faith" is part of your relationships?

Dan mentioned that he was cynical about the impact of Compassion and the intent of visiting  
the compassion project.

Have you ever been cynical of these sorts of projects? If so, what helped you overcome the  
cynicism?

What replaced your cynicism?

Dan referred to Matthew 17:20. Read this passage.

What is your "mustard seed?", What can you offer for God to move mountains?

Murray spoke of the lies of poverty: what may these lies be?

Why would it matter for us, in Australia to care and to be involved with those who live in  
poverty?

Why would we use a local church to do so?

Murray shared about the impact of Lifestreams in his understanding of taking the message of  
Christ to the Cosmos, a message that hit him even when he was bored or uninterested in  
church services.

What helps you to lift your perspective from your current circumstance?

How do you seek to see things with Jesus' eyes?

How could you help each other as a group to do this more?

## **SPEND SOME TIME PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER.**

Pray for each other to have the mind of Jesus on matters of poverty, support for local churches  
in other locations and care for the world. Pray for each other to overcome the things that make  
you cynical or keep you from loving others with the love of Jesus.