

# COMPARISON - COMPASSION DISCUSSION GUIDE

## DISCUSSION QUESTION:

1. What was something that stood out to you from Sunday's message?

**2 Cor 9:11** *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.* NIV

Pastor Lawrence explained how coming to church enriches our lives. While becoming the church enriches our world.

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2. What are some ways our lives are enriched by coming to church?
3. What are some ways our world is enriched when we actually become the church Jesus desires for us to be to the people around us?

Making the most of your life doesn't make other people's pain go away but making other people's pain go away does make the most of your life.

Jesus is alive!!! Because Jesus is alive the world is a better place! We are alive in Christ! The more we become like Jesus the more we make the world a better place!

**Rom 8:18-19** *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth COMPARING with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.* NIV

Vs 18 speaks of a healthy comparison that then leads into a greater revelation of God's people transforming the world.

A healthy comparison helps us keep the right perspective.

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4. Sunday we heard that comparison in the right direction produces compassion. Comparison in the wrong direction produces complaining. How does this apply to you personally?

Wally Lamb wrote, "I cried because I had no shoes. Then I met a man who had no feet."

Our children will not learn the generous nature of God from their buddies. We must lead them in this. God has always included sacrificial giving as part of worship. God asks us to sacrificially gather as God's family in the earth expressing our understanding that life is not merely about our personal ambitions or selfish desires.

We should include the next generation in conversations about why we gather and why we give to expand God's work and further God's Kingdom in the earth.

**Deut 14:23** *The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives* (TLB)

## We Bring GP2RL Action Point:

Purpose a discussion over a meal this week with family or friends to discuss just how blessed you are giving thanks to God.