SO WHAT

- How would you describe God's love? How does His love challenge you to love others?
- How does God's being gracious and compassionate inspire you to reach out to your friends and classmates?
- How thankful are you to God's patience towards us?
 Why is God patient with us?

NOW WHAT

- Who is one person in your life whom you are having a hard time to relate to and reach out? Ask Jesus for more of His love to abound in your life for that person.
- Are there people around you that you really don't like saved to be because you have ill feelings towards them? Pray for them and move in the opposite spirit. Trust that God will change your heart towards them and make a way for the gospel to reach them.
- Look around you and be sensitive to tell who are undergoing difficulty. Ask God for wisdom and strategy to be a blessing to that person.

PRAYER

- Ask God to increase His love in your heart for the people around you especially those whom you consider as unlovable.
- Ask Jesus to make you more gracious and compassionate towards the people around you so that you will also be patient with them.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for greater boldness, more wisdom, and increased anointing as you passionately share the gospel to your friends, classmates, colleagues, and loved ones who need to hear it



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Compassion



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CONNECT

- Tell about a time when you had compassion on someone. What made you feel that way towards that person?
- Have you ever disliked or hated somebody to the extent of not being able to rejoice when something good happened to that person? Why did you feel that way?
- Have you ever tried going out of your comfort zone just to reach out to a friend, classmate, or workmate who was in need? How did you do it?



¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened....

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity." JONAH 3:10; 4:1,2

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In obedience to God's command, Jonah proclaimed God's message in Nineveh. The Ninevites repented and God relented His judgment. But Jonah did not like God's compassion on the people as if he did not want the Ninevites to repent of their evil ways and be saved. What message does God's being compassionate tell us?

1 God loves the people in this world.

^{4.5}However, God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! EPHESIANS 2:4,5, CEB

Like the Phansees, we all have the tendency to distike of
even hate sinners, when we ourselves are also sinners
(Matthew 9:10-13). But thanks be to God who loves us
and through Christ, He saved us. Why did Jesus come
to the world? How does He see sinners and how should
this inspire us to have a change of heart towards them?

God is gracious and compassionate. ⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. ⁹ The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. PSALM 145:8,9
If God weren't gracious and compassionate, all of us would have been dead and destined to hell. But because of God's grace and compassion, we were redeemed and blessed. Thus, God wants us to be full of His love and mercy towards all sinners. What does being gracious mean?
God is patient with us and doesn't want anyone
God is patient with us and doesn't want anyone to perish. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 PETER 3:9
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