#### **SO WHAT**

- What do the following Scriptures further tell us about the character of God? Look up Joel 2:13, 2 Peter 3:9, and Psalm 86:15.
- What lesson about forgiveness and restoration can you identify in our Bible passage?
- How have the compassion, grace, and love of God changed your life?

#### **NOW WHAT**

- Share a situation in your life wherein you experienced the gracious love of God.
- Who among your friends or acquaintances do you think is ready to hear the gospel? Plan on how to share the Good News to that person.
- In what particular ways can we share and demonstrate the love, grace, and compassion of God to other people this week?

## **PRAYER**

- Ask God for a greater understanding of His compassion, grace, love, and faithfulness.
- Pray for the restoration of relationships among family and friends as they get to know the love and grace of God.
- Pray for a heart of compassion towards people as we get to understand the compassion and kindness of God.



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### WEEK 1

# **Compassionate God**



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# CONNECT

- Imagine you are introducing God to someone who does not know Him within twenty to thirty seconds. What would you say?
- If you could personally ask God one question, what would it be? Why?
- Among the Bible characters, whom would you like to imitate in terms of faith and relationship with God?



6... "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation." EXODUS 34:6,7 (READ EXODUS 32-34 FOR CONTEXT.)

### WHAT

After receiving the law and coming down from Mount Sanai, Moses was so shocked and angered by the Israelites' idolatrous partying that he smashed the tablets on which God had carved the Ten Commandments. As God commanded Moses to chisel a new set of stone tablets, how did He reveal Himself to Moses and his people?

## 1 God is compassionate and gracious.

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by creating a golden calf idol. However, God wasn't going to change His commands nor lower His standards but He was willing to forgive and extend His grace. How is God portrayed in Exodus 34? How was God's merciful nature reflected in how He dealt with the Israelites?

•	<b>God is slow to anger.</b> The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding i love. PSALM 103:8
	God is patient and He does not want anyone to die in his or her sins. People who have a short fuse will be agitated at th slightest offense, but God is longsuffering. Why can a holy and powerful God be patient with us?
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	God abounds in love and faithfulness. <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to o iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great his love for those who fear him PSALM 103:9-11