



*“For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”*  
-- Ephesians 2:10 NRSV

## Compassion

God’s primary mode of working in the world is through people. When God sees pain and brokenness, poverty, and injustice in our world, he is moved with compassion. Throughout Scripture we find that God calls us to do good, to practice justice, kindness and love. When we fail to do these things, our worship and other acts of devotion are worthless to God.

– From *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton

## Meeting Need

- Serving God Together – engage in the work of the church
- Here I Am, Lord – invite God to use you as an instrument of healing, justice, mercy, love
- Power of Kindness – studies show that serving others is good for your health
- Divine Interruptions – pay attention to those around you

## Discussion/Journal

If we are serious about walking with Christ, we will cultivate the practice of serving God by serving others.

- Have you experienced serving others as part of a church group effort? What was that like?
- During the past year, when have you seen compassion in action?
- What role does humility play when you consider serving others?
- When have you responded to a “divine interruption?”
- What act of kindness have you received? Given? What did it mean to you?
- What makes the list when you consider the things that make you happy?

## Sustainable Threads Towel

Our Carry On Bag includes a towel from the company, Sustainable Threads. It is meant to signify serving those right around us, serving in practical ways, and – since it is a product of a fair trade company employing physically disadvantaged women in India – helping others we don’t even know.

- Read Zechariah 7:9-10; how might you put compassion into action this week?
- Read Isaiah 64:8; consider how can you allow this time of *liminal space* to give you the courage and strength to embrace the opportunity for transformation.
- Focus on ways to build an important relationship with someone in your life.
- Buy with intentionality – is there a gift to give, purchased from a fair trade company?
- Set a BHAG – “big hairy audacious goal” to use your gifts and talents to help others.