

## WORSHIP

### SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Rejoice, You are Good, Still Standing, Living Hope, Great is Thy Faithfulness

## WELCOME

**All Purpose Me.** Write an inventory of things you do. Identify which ones contribute to your purpose in life.

## WORD

### MATTHEW 9:36–38

<sup>36</sup>Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

### MAKING DISCIPLES

What we do is one thing but why we do what we do is everything. It determines the purpose and the direction of our life.

*“The greatest tragedy is not death, but life with the wrong purpose.” – Peter Tan-Chi*

We cannot invent our purpose. We can try but it will not work. You see, people are always in search for their purpose and meaning in life. People try to find purpose in wealth, relationships, power or fame, forgetting the Maker who designed the purpose for living of every human being.

In searching for purpose, remember the three most important days in life: The day we are born, the day we are born again, and the day we discover why we are born again. Our purpose is the anchor of our mission. Until we know God’s purpose for our lives in Jesus Christ, we will not find the fullness of life that will satisfy us. Until we connect ourselves to Christ, we will not discover the making of disciples of all nations as our purpose and mission.

A true believer is a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is a committed follower of Jesus who honors Him and makes disciples who will make disciples.

### GROW IN CHRISTLIKE COMPASSION

In making disciples, we have to go to the heart in order to develop and grow in Christlike compassion.

Christlike compassion is more than just a fleeting feeling for it deeply affects our entire being and moves us to do something about what we see. When Jesus saw the multitude distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd, He felt compassion for

them (**Matthew 9:36**) which moved Him to do something about it.

Christlike compassion is love in action. Jesus demonstrated His love that while we were still sinners He died for us (**Romans 5:8**).

Christlike compassion is empathy. Sometimes, God will allow us to experience pain or injustice so that we could feel how other people felt being in the same situation, with the hope that we will become more compassionate towards them. At times, our own mistakes or failures will also humble us so that we can learn to help others.

Christlike compassion is cross-cultural. Jesus went out of His way to meet the Samaritan woman and did not judge her by her race, gender, social standing, status in life, or background (**John 4:4–9**). It is important to look at people from God’s perspective as each one is precious, and each one has a story to tell.

Christlike compassion is intentional. Jesus was intentional in taking the initiative to meet the Samaritan woman and let her know the gift of God and the Living Water (**John 4:10, 15**).

Christlike compassion is willing to speak out the truth in a most loving way. Jesus showed the Samaritan woman her own sinfulness (**John 4:16–18**). Jesus understood the inner problem of the woman, it was not religion but an issue of morality.

Christlike compassion is directing people to the source of life – Jesus (**John 4:25–26**). As committed followers of Jesus we do not bring people to religion but to a relationship with Christ. Whatever we do, we must point people to Jesus for only He can meet the deepest longing of anyone.

## WORD (cont'd)

Christlike compassion is seeing people where they are. With her moral background, the Samaritan woman went to the well alone probably because she was distressed and dispirited like a sheep without a shepherd. Jesus knew her deepest needs.

### IT'S HARVEST TIME

As soon as Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman, she got excited, left her water pot, and went to the city to tell people about Jesus (**John 4:28–30**). If we experienced the compassion of Christ in our lives, there is no way we cannot be excited to tell others about Him. The joy of witnessing for Jesus becomes a natural overflow of His love and compassion for us.

Many believed in Jesus because of the word of the woman and many more believed because they themselves heard Jesus (**John 4:39–42**).

The field is ready for the harvest. If we do not harvest on time, the fruits will rot. Therefore, the workers must give no excuse but to harvest as soon as the field is ready.

The amount of harvest is proportionate to the number of workers. If we have few workers, we will have a small harvest. Therefore, we should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers to the harvest field (**Matthew 9:37–38**). It is His harvest after all. Our part is to pray for something, and oftentimes God will answer us for us to do it ourselves, with a promise that He will be with us always.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

*(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)*

- 1. People Need the Lord.** What did Jesus see and what did He felt according to **Matthew 9:36–38**?
- 2. Purpose Driven.** What is your purpose and mission in life? Are the things you are currently doing aligned with God's purposes?
- 3. Pursuing Purpose.** How are you pursuing God's purpose and mission? What are the things you need to start doing as you pursue God's purpose and mission of making disciples with Christlike compassion?

## WORKS

### PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Who are the people you have been praying for to know Jesus? How will you point them to Him with Christlike compassion?

Talk to your accountability partner for prayer, help and support.

### WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

#### I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

#### II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

#### III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

#### IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

#### V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends