

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Series: It's What We Do

Sermon: Love Sees

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OVERVIEW

Series Summary: Love is not just a feeling. Real love involves action—it takes grit and is often messy. It's what we do to care for the people around us, which ripples out into our communities, and even across the globe. *It's What We Do* is an exciting, month-long initiative, discovering what it means to live from a place of radical love. Starting Easter weekend and for the next 35 days, we'll engage inspiring weekend messages, daily challenges, and simple spiritual practices to help us experience God's radical love and put it into action. In this series, *It's What We Do*, we want to come out on the other side with a fresh perspective on how love can be what you do every day.

Main Insight: Christ's love gives us a wider perspective to see the needs of the world around us, not just in our own life, and show compassion as His ambassadors.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

Key Scriptures:

- *Matthew 9:35-38* – Workers for the Harvest
- *2 Corinthians 8:13-15* – The Goal Is Equality
- *Micah 6:8* – Act Justly, Love Mercy
- *Galatians 6:2* – Bear Other's Burdens
- *Matthew 28:19* – Go Make Disciples
- *Philippians 2:5-8* – Mindset of Christ

GROUP DISCUSSION



Spend some time before talking about the What We Do Challenges

Are people doing it? What are they learning? How are they growing?

Are there challenges we would like to do together as a group?

Remind them about Salt & Light Workshops & Go+Do Weekend!

Stay connected to the challenges at bath.graceohio.org/whatwedo

Leaders can access digital resources at <http://bit.ly/2FT983c>

COMPASSION FOR HARASSED & HELPLESS

- Why can it be easy to lack compassion for the problems of others?
- How do we develop care and compassion for the harassed and helpless?
- What problems and needs do you see in the world that stir a passion in you?
 - How have you seen acts of compassion be redemptive and restorative?
 - How has praying for your “three” challenged you to show them compassion?

Discuss this quote: *“God didn’t give the church to the church alone, he gave the church to the world.”*

INEQUALITY, INJUSTICE, BURDENS

Economic equality is not everyone having what everyone else has—it is sharing our abundance to meet the needs of others.

- **Why don’t we view of ourselves as rich? How does our abundance prove otherwise?**
- **Read 2 Corinthians 8:13-15. How can we use our wealth for God’s glory with others?**

Pursuing **justice** means advocating for all people, especially those who are powerless, by bringing hope in situations where it is hard to find.

- **What has been your experience with injustice? How have you witnessed it?**
- **How can you bring hope into situations of injustice?**

Discuss this quote: *“Do for one what you wish you could do for all.”*

Carrying other’s **burdens** means that we help lift the crushing weights off of others that they otherwise couldn’t move themselves.

- **What burdens do people carry in your spheres of life?**
- **How do they overwhelm them? How do they affect you? How can you help?**

Landing Point: We should widen our perspective to see the needs of others the way God does.