



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If you could travel anywhere in the world regardless of money or safety, where would you go?

1. When John Arnold shared about the Dogose people, what was most surprising or encouraging to you about Riverside's role with this people group?
2. John Arnold defined compassion as an "emotional reaction to pain and suffering that inspires us to respond." He shared multiple stories of transformed lives. Which story did you find most inspiring and/or challenging?
3. How can showing compassion to others be the first expression of God's love that can lead them to say their own "YES!" to following Jesus? (See [1 John 3:17-18](#) and [Matthew 25:34-46](#).)
4. John Arnold encouraged us that "everyone should go on a missions trip!" If you have not yet experienced going on a mission trip, what is holding you back from going? How might your group encourage you to *Pray, Give* or *Go*? (See [John 15:7](#), [1 Peter 3:12](#) and [Romans 10:13-15](#).)
5. Riverside sends teams to Guinea, Guadalajara and, coming in 2024, to Germany! What would it be like if some or all of your group went on a short-term trip together? Take a few minutes to pray, asking God to build teams as Riverside strives to reach people on a global level.

Day One: [Psalm 55](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 24](#)

Day Three: [1 Samuel 6](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 55](#)

Day Five: [Acts 27](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDE



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"COMPASSION!!! Do You Have It?"

Guest Speaker: John Arnold



MESSAGE NOTES

Riverside is making a difference in Burkina Faso:
2013 there was 1 Dogose believer.
2023 there are _____ Dogose believers.
Riverside has been directly responsible for _____ registered believers.

My question to you this morning in, "Do you show _____?"

Compassion: It is an _____ to pain
and suffering that inspires us to _____.

A true follower of Jesus will have _____ for others.
Note [1 John 3:17-18](#)

Compassion is not just a fleeting emotion, compassion is
_____.

There are 3 things that happen if you have compassion:

1. You will _____ something.
2. You will _____ something.
3. You will _____ something.

Note [Matthew 25:34-46](#)

Compassion leads us to the _____ Pillars of Missions:
Pray, Give, Go

The first pillar is _____.
Problem - we treat prayer as a _____.

Note [John 15:7](#)

Note [1 Peter 3:12](#)

The second pillar is _____.

The third pillar is _____.
Everyone should go on a missions trip!
The most important detail of being on a missions team is your
_____.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital* or hard copy).
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Riverside is making a difference in Burkina Faso:
2013 there was 1 Dogose believer.
2023 there are 679 Dogose believers.
Riverside has been directly responsible for 2,915 registered believers.

My question to you this morning in, "Do you show compassion?"

Compassion: It is an emotional reaction to pain and suffering that inspires us to respond.

A true follower of Jesus will have compassion for others.
Note [1 John 3:17-18](#)

Compassion is not just a fleeting emotion, compassion is love in action.

There are **3** things that happen if you have compassion:

1. You will see something.
2. You will feel something.
3. You will do something.

Note [Matthew 25:34-46](#)

Compassion leads us to the **3** Pillars of Missions:
Pray, Give, Go

The first pillar is **Pray**.
Problem - we treat prayer as a spare tire.

Note [John 15:7](#)

Note [1 Peter 3:12](#)

The second pillar is **Give**.

The third pillar is **Go**.
Everyone should go on a missions trip!
The most important detail of being on a missions team is your presence.

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