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So how does grace _____ us to be outward-focused?

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Jesus (who is *full of grace and truth*...[John 1:14](#)) demonstrated this consistently and showed that compassion leads to _____ that help relieve the struggles and problems (note [Matthew 9:36](#); [14:14](#); [15:32](#); [20:34](#)).

Gratitude > Empathy > Compassion > _____

Is it Enough?

- When God's grace is alive and active in our hearts and minds, then gratitude will be a _____ river flowing in us and through us for the wonderful things God has done for us.
- Note [Psalm 107:1-2a](#)

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

English is a language with “silent” letters (like the “g” in “gnome”). Take out a pencil and paper. When the host says go, write as many words with silent letters you can in one minute. The most words win!

1. Read **1 Timothy 1:13-17**. Pastor Tom said that the grace shown to the Apostle Paul “...wasn’t just for his own personal benefit, but for an even greater purpose.” What “greater purpose” did God have in mind and how has this purpose worked itself out in your life?
2. **Colossians 4:5-6** reminds believers to “make the most of every opportunity” in our interactions with those who don’t believe, making sure our conversation is “gracious and attractive.” How well are you graciously stepping into your opportunities to connect with nonbelievers and what makes doing so difficult for you? How can God’s grace help you?
3. Read the stories in **Matthew 9:27-31**, **Mark 7:31-37**, and **Luke 5:12-15** noting the response of the people touched by Jesus. Now read **Psalm 40:1-5**, **9-10**. How is your story like that of the Psalm’s author and how has your response to your story been like or unlike his?
4. Pastor Tom said that gratitude for God’s grace toward us, “...moves us into empathy...And empathy results in compassion.” Now ponder this: If you lack compassion for the broken people around you, where do you think this chain of grace that Pastor Tom described broke down in you and why?
5. What if the missing link is that you have never received the grace of God in Jesus in the first place? Many people know a lot about Jesus but have never acknowledged their personal need for His grace to forgive them through His sacrifice on the cross. If that’s you, He invites you to follow Him and receive His grace today. Will you say, ‘YES!’?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Matthew 19; Psalm 108

Day Two: Leviticus 18; Proverbs 15

Day Three: 1 Corinthians 14; 1 Kings 4

Day Four: Jude 1; Jeremiah 42

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 4; Acts 24

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