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Nov 1, 2026

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Your *story* matters.

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Your *group* matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Should men be made to have babies?

1. John posed the question, "What does it look like for us to see our community through the eyes of Jesus and to respond?" How do you think Jesus would see and describe your community? If you don't know, how can you find out?

2. Read **Matthew 9:35-38**. What are your observations of Jesus, the crowds and the disciples? Who do you identify with: 1) Jesus, the person on mission; 2) the crowds who were the purpose of the mission; or 3) the disciples, being charged with a role to play in the mission? Why?

3. A cursory search for the definition of compassion reveals that true compassion is more than empathy, pity, or sympathy in that it seeks to act and change the circumstances of the person in need of such compassion. John said, "True compassion causes you to see, feel and do something! If you have true compassion, it will drive you to Pray, Give, and Go." In which one of the three can you take your next action step?

4. John said, "We do not have to convince anyone to follow Jesus, all we have to do is share Jesus..." How do the people around you know Jesus by what you do and say?

5. Grab a pen. John said, "The devil cannot stop praying people! BUT if he can occupy your time so you do not have time to pray, then he wins." In groups of 2 or 3, spend some time creating a list of ways you can pray for your neighbors and for John, Betty, and the Dogose people. Spend time doing so in your groups or as a large group.

WEEKLY READING

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: Matthew 1; Psalm 34
Day Two: Deuteronomy 31; Proverbs 29
Day Three: 1 Chronicles 12; Ezra 4
Day Four: Revelation 11; Hosea 1
Day Five: Song of Songs 6; Acts 16

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"Through the Eyes of Jesus"
John Arnold
Mission Partner - Burkina Faso, W Africa

The Dogose are _____ numbering over _____.
They worship the _____ world with many of them having become Folk Muslims.

Riverside, you have:

- Built _____ church hangars
- Drilled _____ wells with pumps
- Established _____ churches

Because of this, _____ people have given their hearts to Jesus, of those 901 are Dogose!

The poorest must see some concrete reason for _____ before they will want to _____ the Gospel.

Matthew 9:35-38
What does it look like for us to see our community through the eyes of _____ and to respond?
Jesus saw the crowds and He felt _____ for them because they were harassed and helpless like _____ without a shepherd.

What is compassion?

Compassion is an _____ reaction to pain and suffering that _____ us to respond.
Compassion is part of the _____ of being a Christ Follower.





Compassion is not just a fleeting emotion; compassion is _____ in action.

There are 3 things that happen in the process of compassion:

1. You will _____ something!
2. You will _____ something!
3. You will _____ something about it!

If you have true compassion, it will drive you to _____, _____, and _____.

These are the 3 pillars of Missions:

Missions is the _____ of Riverside!

1. **_____**
   - Prayer is the _____ we can do for the Kingdom! **John 15:7**

2. **_____**
   - We as Christians are to give both our _____ (serve) and _____.
   - Missions get done by your _____.

3. **_____**
   - Scripture tells us to _____! It does not say, _____!
   - Some of you are to go to Guinea, Mexico, or Germany, or even across the street: to a neighbor's home, to a school, or to a business.

Your presence on a team will cause _____.

Small Group Discussion & Personal Guides on the back

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
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They worship the spirit world with many of them having become Folk Muslims.

Riverside, you have:

- Built 38 church hangars
- Drilled 59 wells with pumps
- Established 11 churches

Because of this, 3,834 people have given their hearts to Jesus, of those 901 are Dogose!

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1. **Prayer**
   - Prayer is the most we can do for the Kingdom!
     John 15:7
2. **Giving**
   - We as Christians are to give both our time (serve) and money.
   - Missions get done by your giving.
3. **Going**
   - Scripture tells us to GO! It does not say, STAY!
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