



## Show Me Your Glory – Compassionate

July 28 | Group Guide

Read Exodus 34:6-7 and open with a question (10 minutes).

In this sermon, Dan centered our teaching time on God's compassion. Read **Exodus 34:6-7** and then reflect on the following question to get things started:

Would you consider yourself a compassionate person? Yes or no? Explain.

Break into smaller groups to read and discuss Scripture (20 minutes).

Read the following instances in which the word for "compassionate" (used here in Exodus 34:6) is used elsewhere: **Deuteronomy 4:31; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Nehemiah 9:17; Nehemiah 9:31; Psalm 78:38; Psalm 86:15; Psalm 103:8; Psalm 111:4; Psalm 112:4; Psalm 145:8; Joel 2:13; and Jonah 4:2**

First note the context of these passages. What is happening in and around these Scriptures? Discuss.

Then, ask, "What can be learned about God's attribute of compassion by comparing Exodus 34:6 with these other passages?"

**Come back together as a large group for discussion (30 minutes).**

*There are several questions here. Take a look at all of them below and pick the ones you think will best fit your group time!*

- What stood out or resonated from your smaller group discussions?
- Take the next 25 minutes to read and pray through the book of Ruth together as a group. Some tips:
  - Tell your group that you'd like for them to really be engaged with this practice and that there will be open space to pray following the reading of each chapter.
  - Assign different people to read different chapters/sections of Ruth.
  - Go one chapter at a time.
  - Instruct your group to pay attention to the text, to listen to any parts of the God's Word that jump out to them.
  - Once one chapter has been read, pause. Allow a few moments of silence.
  - As the leader, open each post-reading prayer time with a short prayer like this: "Father, thank you for your Word and for (insert your thoughts or reflections from that chapter)."
- Once you finish reading, make space for people to share their thoughts on the following questions:
  - Where has God's compassion met you in your own life over the years?
  - Where are you in need of God's compassion now?

**Pray (10 minutes).**

Like each week, spend time in prayer asking for God to show you more of his nature and character throughout this series. Specifically, ask for more of an awareness of God's compassion in your life. And pray for God's help in being compassionate towards others.

Finish with logistics and prayer requests (5 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotionals available to help you more deeply dive into God's character! You can find that material at [thecreek.org/devotionals](http://thecreek.org/devotionals).
2. Finish your group session with prayer requests.