



# Compassion for the Outcast



Discover how Jesus showed love to those ignored by society and learn to reach out with kindness to lonely or marginalized teens around you.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this 3-day Bible study on compassion for the outcast. As teenagers, you live in a world filled with different social groups, varying personalities, and sometimes harsh judgments. It's easy to feel left out, lonely, or ignored, especially if you don't fit in with the popular crowd or if others don't understand you. The good news is that Jesus sets the perfect example for us to follow — He opened His heart to those whom society overlooked, rejected, or even despised.

Throughout this study, we'll explore stories from the Bible where Jesus reached out to the lonely and marginalized, not only showing kindness but also transforming lives by His love. You'll learn why compassion matters so much and how you can make a difference in your school, your neighborhood, or even your family by simply choosing to see others with His eyes. *This is more than just being nice — it is about actively befriending, caring for, and standing up for those who feel invisible.*

Jesus' compassion is a powerful example, showing us that no one is too far gone or too different to receive love. As you reflect on each day's scripture and devotional, ask yourself how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus to your classmates or neighbors who are lonely or marginalized.

Let your heart be open, your eyes be lifted, and your actions be guided by love. Together, let's embrace the call to compassion and become a light to those society forgets. 





## Day 1: 🤝 Jesus Welcomes the Outcast



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## Your Verse

*Mark 2:15-17 NIV - “While Jesus was having dinner at Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples...”*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 15:2 - “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*
- *John 4:7-9 - “Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ ... the Samaritan woman was surprised that he asked her.”*



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## Devotional: Jesus Breaks Barriers to Befriend the Outcast

**Jesus' ministry was revolutionary because He welcomed people everyone else rejected.** Tax collectors were despised for their corruption, sinners were shunned, and social outcasts were left to fend for themselves. Yet Jesus not only talked to them, He shared meals and genuine friendship. In Mark 2:15–17, we see Jesus eating with tax collectors, shocking the Pharisees who valued keeping 'pure' holy boundaries.

Imagine what it felt like to be invited by Jesus, the most respected rabbi of the day. It must have been a radical act of kindness and acceptance. Jesus showed that compassion requires us to cross social barriers and break walls of judgment.

As teens, you might notice classmates who sit alone at lunch or neighbors who seem invisible. Jesus calls you to open your eyes and heart, to initiate friendship, and to show love without expecting anything in return. Start small—say hello, listen, or invite someone to join your group. Your actions can be the first step to a changed life.



Day 1: 🧡 Jesus Welcomes the Outcast

## Reflect and Apply

1. Who are the 'outcasts' or lonely people in your school or community?

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2. How do you usually respond to those who are left out or ignored?

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3. What small step of compassion can you take today to reach out to someone in need?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you felt left out. How did it affect you?

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2. List three ways Jesus showed compassion to people others avoided.

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3. How can you show kindness this week to someone who might feel lonely?

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Day 1: 🧡 Jesus Welcomes the Outcast

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus, thank You for welcoming those forgotten by others.** Help me to see people as You see them and to love with an open heart. Give me courage to reach out to those who feel alone or rejected. Teach me to be a friend and share Your compassion every day. *Let my actions reflect Your love so no one feels invisible.* Amen. 🙏 🧡 😊





## Day 2: 🦻 Listening to the Lonely



## Your Verse

*John 4:27-30 NIV – “The woman left her water jar, went back to the town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did.’”*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 19:1-10 – Jesus speaks with Zacchaeus, a marginalized tax collector.*
- *Matthew 9:36 – “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them...”*



## Devotional: The Healing Power of Truly Listening

**Listening is a powerful act of compassion that Jesus modeled perfectly.** When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, He didn't just speak words; He truly heard her story, saw her struggles, and responded with acceptance. This changed the woman's life so deeply she ran to tell others about the man who truly understood her.

*Many people today—especially teens—feel invisible because no one listens.* The chaos of school, social media noise, or family distractions can drown out the quiet cries for help or understanding. Like Jesus, you can make a kingdom difference simply by stopping to listen without judgment.

Listening requires patience and humility. It means lowering your own agenda and focusing on another's heart. When you listen, you communicate: "You matter. Your story matters." Through this, trust and friendship grow, and the lonely can start to feel known and loved.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Who in your life needs someone to really listen to them?

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2. What prevents you from being a good listener sometimes?

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3. How can you practice listening with compassion this week?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a time someone truly listened to you. How did it make you feel?

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2. Write about someone you know who might be lonely or struggling quietly.

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3. Make a plan to listen carefully to someone this week and journal the experience.

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Day 2: 🦻 Listening to the Lonely

## Prayer for Today

**Father, teach me to listen as Jesus did—to hear with my heart and respond with kindness.** Help me to quiet my own thoughts and focus on others' stories. Give me patience and love to make people feel safe and valued. Use my ears and heart to bring comfort and hope to those who feel alone. Amen.





## Day 3: ✨ Becoming a Friend to the Marginalized





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## Your Verse

*Matthew 25:40 NIV – “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 13:2 – “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers.”*
- *Galatians 6:2 – “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*



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## Devotional: Friendship as a Ministry of Compassion

**Jesus calls us to action through friendship and service.** It's not enough to notice or feel sorry for those who are marginalized—we are invited to step into their world with love and support. Matthew 25:40 reminds us that when we care for 'the least' among us, we are caring for Jesus Himself.

*Teen life can be busy and complicated, but building friendships with the lonely or outcast creates a ripple effect of hope.* It may take courage to sit next to someone alone, invite them to join activities, or help carry their burdens. But your willingness to show genuine kindness transforms lives—sometimes even your own.

Friendship doesn't require perfection, just presence. When we live out compassion through simple acts, we obey Christ's example and bring His light into dark places. Be that friend others need today; you might be their answer to loneliness and rejection.



Day 3: ✨ Becoming a Friend to the Marginalized

## Reflect and Apply

1. How does serving others reflect your faith in Jesus?

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2. What does it look like for you to ‘carry each other’s burdens’ in your daily life?

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3. Who can you intentionally befriend this week to demonstrate Christ’s love?

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Day 3: ✨ Becoming a Friend to the Marginalized

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about one way you can serve or help someone feeling marginalized.

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2. List qualities of a good friend and how you can grow in those areas.

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3. Reflect on how Jesus' friendship changed the lives of outcasts in the Bible.

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Day 3: ✨ Becoming a Friend to the Marginalized

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, empower me to be a friend to those who feel forgotten or alone. Help me show Your love through my actions and words. Give me a compassionate heart and the courage to reach out and serve. May my friendship be a reflection of Your grace and light to those in need. Amen.** 🙏 😊 ✨





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