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Developing A Passion for Compassion  
Colossians 3:12-14

Pastor John explained to us why the Apostle Paul began with an emphasis on “compassion” in Chapter 3:12. His explanation was as follows:

1. Compassion attracts all to its bearer
2. Compassion authenticates that God is involved through the heart of the person doing the action.
3. Compassion alleviates, it eases the hurts experienced in life

**So, we must:**

See our generation through God’s eyes

Resist the pull of selfishness and tendency to turn away from hurt by insulating yourself

Meet the needs of whoever God puts in our path

Pray against the powers of darkness

Engage in compassion in a variety of ways every day

Questions to ponder:

- Share how compassion is a part of your heart.
- Share a time when your faith was “authenticated” by your heart moving your hands and feet to action.
- How long does it take you to get to compassion fatigue? (That is, how long do you have to see pain and suffering before it overwhelms you and you begin to overlook it?)
- What part of the “**So, we must:**” above is hardest for you to act on?