



Compassion Sunday - 4/7/19

OVERVIEW

There are more than 6 million children living in poverty around the world. Most of them don't live past the age of five due to extreme poverty. We can make an impact in the life of these children through Compassion International, an organization that has been bringing awareness to this issue for more than 60 years. Learn more at www.compassion.org.

APPLICATION

1. Have you ever had a cross cultural experience where you saw poverty firsthand? Share your experience.
2. Woody and Nan began the service by telling their experience with Compassion and then Owen told about his experience. These are often called testimonies in the church. Why is a testimony or witness a powerful thing to hear? How did these stories affect you?
3. Woody and Owen both indicated that poverty, at its center, is spiritual. Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
4. We live in an area where the kind of poverty that Owen experienced is rare or non-existent. That doesn't mean, though, that there aren't needs around us. Acts 1:8 shows Jesus' priority for His followers... "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." How could you be involved in continuing His mission?
5. Homework: Check out Compassion for yourself at www.compassion.com. Blue Ridge has done the research to make sure that this organization is legit, but that doesn't mean you can't do the research too. Pray about how you can be involved.