



Series Summary: FOR

FOR is a five-part series that focuses on embodying the compassionate, inclusive, and service-oriented heart of Jesus. This series calls believers to be "FOR" their Church, their Community, and their State, actively engaging in compassion, inclusion, invitation, and commitment. Each week encourages believers to live out their faith in ways that illuminate God's love, inviting all people into His grace and truth through both words and actions.

Key Themes and Messages:

- **The Way of Compassion:**
Grounded in Luke 10:25-37, this message centers on Jesus' call to "go and do likewise" as He modeled compassion through the parable of the Good Samaritan. Believers are encouraged to embody a compassionate lifestyle, stepping into the needs of others with empathy and care. Additional passages like Colossians 3:12 and Philippians 2:3 support the idea of clothing ourselves in compassion and valuing others above ourselves.
- **The Way of Illumination:**
In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus calls believers to be the light of the world, shining through good works to reflect God's glory in a darkened world. This message emphasizes that through compassionate actions and family-friendly community projects, the congregation can be a tangible light in their communities, embodying God's character and showing His love.
- **The Way of Inclusion:**
Based on Luke 14:12-14, this message addresses Jesus' radical approach to inclusion, where He welcomed those society often marginalized. Believers are encouraged to follow Jesus' example by breaking down barriers and extending God's grace to all people. With supporting scriptures like James 2:1-4 and Acts 10:34, the message challenges the church to live out a culture of acceptance, making all people feel welcomed and valued.
- **The Way of Invitation:**
In Luke 14:15-24, Jesus' parable of the banquet highlights God's open invitation for everyone to join His kingdom. Believers are reminded of their role as messengers, sharing the gospel so that others may experience God's love and hospitality. This message calls the church to invite others with urgency and love, inspired by scriptures

like Romans 10:13-15 and John 3:17.

- **The Way of Commitment:**

Closing the series with Jeremiah 29:7, this message focuses on the call to pray and work for the welfare of our cities, living out commitment through sacrificial service. This includes dedicating time, talents, and resources to make a positive impact in the community, aligning with Jesus' vision for His followers to be a blessing where they live, work, and serve. Supporting verses from Hebrews 10:24-25 and Isaiah 58:10 reinforce the call to a life of committed service to others.

Key Goals:

- Inspire the congregation to adopt a compassionate, service-driven lifestyle that mirrors Jesus' love for others.
- Encourage believers to shine as a light through acts of kindness, showing the world God's love and grace.
- Challenge the church to break down barriers and include those on the margins, fostering a community of welcome and belonging.
- Equip believers with a sense of urgency to share the gospel, inviting others into a relationship with Christ.
- Reinforce a commitment to serve and pray for the community, embodying Christ's presence and peace where they live, work, and play.

This series ultimately invites the congregation to actively live "FOR" others, showcasing God's love through compassion, service, inclusion, and a commitment to the common good.

Series Description:

Walk the crowd at any concert or sporting event and there is no doubt who people are showing up to support. From band t-shirts, to jerseys, to painted faces; people's allegiance and passion is on full display. But even without the overt signs, we can still tell what people are passionate about by looking at how they spend their time, talent, and treasure. Where we each choose to invest our attention and resources tells so much about what we care most about. In our new series, FOR, we will look at what Jesus stood FOR, dive into what we are FOR, and how we can be FOR the things that Jesus was and model our lives after his own way.

Series Assets:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/c47cojwozl3htsnugg5hr/14-FOR.zip?rlkey=qnmjsedcvt7i9s7mmi40f5jii&st=g5t6stzl&dl=0>

- Bumper Video
- Countdown Video
- Lower Thirds

- Other Graphics
- Series Graphics
- Series Resources
- Scripts (by Week)
- Outlines (by Week)

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Week 1 - The Way of Compassion

Description

This week, we're diving into what it truly means to be for others, inspired by the story of the Good Samaritan—the ultimate “stop and help” moment. While others kept walking, the Samaritan paused, got involved, and made a real impact. Jesus calls us to do the same: to notice those around us, take action, and show we're for our community in a way that makes a lasting difference. Let's step out of our comfort zones, roll up our sleeves, and start a wave of kindness that could change lives—including our own!

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11yClxbnzmK>

Week 2 - The Way of Illumination

Description

Ever thought about what it means to really *shine* in a world that sometimes feels dark? This week, we're taking cues from Jesus' words: "You are the light of the world." Just like Thomas Edison kept searching for the perfect light bulb, we're called to be light-bringers wherever we are—at home, in our neighborhoods, at work, and beyond. Through our good deeds, we show God's love in real ways that others can see and feel. So whether it's through kindness, generosity, or simply showing up for others, we're here to be a bright reminder of God's love. Let's plug into our power source, step out, and shine a little brighter this week!

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Djg626baDhQ>

Week 3: The Way of Inclusion

Description

Ever feel like you're on the outside looking in? Jesus gets it, and in Luke 14, he challenges us to expand our circles and truly welcome everyone. This week, we're diving into "The Way of Inclusion," where Jesus calls us to invite, include, and make space for those who might feel left out. Church is meant to be a place where everyone feels welcome—no matter their past, beliefs, or backgrounds. By creating an inclusive, open-hearted community, we can reflect God's love in ways that make a lasting impact. Join us as we explore how being "FOR" inclusion means inviting others to belong, just as Jesus did.

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eJWVREEEo4>

Week 4: The Way of Invitation

Description

Have you ever heard a truly wild excuse? Jesus' story in Luke 14 is full of them! Today, we'll hear about a grand banquet where guests make all kinds of excuses to skip the party. This story reveals the heart of God's invitation—how it's extended to everyone, and how we're all invited into a life with Him. But it's not enough just to know we're invited; Jesus wants us to take that step and say "yes!" Come learn what it means to be a part of God's Kingdom and to extend this open invitation to others. Let's explore how we can be "FOR" inviting others to experience the love, grace, and belonging Jesus offers.

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwM0ePW9zlo>

Week 5: The Way of Commitment

Description

For the past five weeks, we've journeyed together, learning what it means to be *FOR* our church, community, and state—and now it's time to take the next step. This week, we'll dive into what Jesus said about “counting the cost” of following Him and fully committing to His mission. Through stories of what's already happening in our church family and a call to be “all in,” this message will remind us that following Jesus isn't just a Sunday thing; it's a life commitment. Join us as we celebrate what God is already doing and take steps to commit to all He'll do in the year ahead. Let's bring light and hope to our world, one step of faith at a time!

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