



Love Changes Everything: Living with Passion to Change the World

Guest: **Dr. Tony Campolo**

Over his many years of Christian service, **Tony Campolo**, speaker, author, sociologist, pastor, social activist, and passionate follower of Jesus has boldly challenged millions of people all over the world to respond to God's boundless love by combining personal discipleship, evangelism, and social justice. Tony has written more than 35 books, blogs regularly at his website and can also be found on both Facebook and Twitter. Dr. Campolo and his wife, Peggy, live near Philadelphia and have two children and four grandchildren.

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. Tony Campolo is passionate about Christians engaging in social justice. What does the term social justice mean to you? What are you passionate about?
2. Is there a difference between sympathy and compassion?

Look to the Book...

3. Most Old Testament verses refer to the Lord's compassion toward His people and most New Testament verses refer to Jesus' compassion on those in need. Read **Matthew 20:29-34** (accounts of this story are also found in **Mark 10:46-52**; **Luke 18:35-43**). Discuss how this group traveling with Jesus had no doubt heard His teachings yet still rebuked the blind men for asking for help.
4. Look at **John 3:16**. On second thought, see how many people in your group know it off by heart? Pick a person to share it with the group. What does this verse have to do with being compassionate?

So What?

5. Read this quote from Tony Campolo:
"When I call people to commit their lives to Christ it is primarily in order that God might use them in this life to do the work that needs to be done. I try to get people to give themselves over to Jesus so that Jesus can take them and put them into law, business, the arts, and to government, to be agents of change."
What might being an agent of change look like in your home, social circle, place of work or school?
6. What compassion activities (local and global) are people in your group involved in? Talk about how they got involved and what effect it has had on their spiritual life.
7. Discuss some of the challenges people have faced with getting involved in compassion activities (too busy, too scary, don't know where to start, etc.). Think about and discuss ways to support each other to overcome these barriers and identify small or large steps people can take.
8. Don't know how to get involved or what compassion activities are happening at your site? Contact your site Compassion Coordinator or Lead Pastor to find out!

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