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ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING?)

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Have you seen anything play out in your life recently?*

FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)

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Has there been a time in your life where you had a difficult time having compassion on the people God had placed in your life to love? Why?

*Are you currently struggling with seeing people the way God sees them?
Co-worker, another parent, a family member, a public figure, a Christian brother or sister, your spouse?*

How does understanding your own brokenness (and God's love and forgiveness to you in spite of it) help you offer grace to others?
If you need to, review Matthew 18:21-35.

THE THREADS OF SCRIPTURE (ADDITIONAL BIBLE PASSAGES FOR STUDY/DISCUSSION)

Scripture: Mark 12:30-31

Jesus says that "the second (command) is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Some questions:

*Who are the "neighbors" in your life? Who are the ACTUAL neighbors?
Have you reached out to them? If not, what might be a next step?*

What does loving your neighbor "as yourself" look like?

STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)

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What is God calling you to do in response to His Word?

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