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Compassion Reflection Ch 5

1. What do we discover in voluntary displacement? Why is displacement so important?

Voluntary displacement brings about the discovery of how truly broken we are thus allowing us to be in solidarity with our fellow human counterparts. It is Vitaly important because it unmasks and highlights the illusion of having it together. We are all sinners in need of grace no matter how good we think we are or how privileged we may seem.

2. Jesus voluntarily displaces himself (Phil: 2:6-7). He gave up the heavenly place and took a humble place. Discuss the ways Jesus voluntarily displaced himself. Where have you voluntarily displaced yourself in following Christ?

Jesus voluntarily displaced himself firstly by being born in Bethlehem in a manger, he could have chosen a more appropriate place. The other displacement can be seen when he went to the desert to fast and pray for forty days and nights and was tempted by the devil to show off his power. The final displacement was the cross he was rejected and felt abandoned by God the father for our sins. I have voluntarily displaced myself when I give up a Saturday to clean my church and participate in evangelizing the community. Also, whenever I have family in town, I always give them my room and I sleep on the couch so they can be comfortable and feel welcomed.

3. Share your understanding of the authors' statement "In short, as long as we avoid displacement, we will miss the compassionate life to which Jesus calls us." Why do you agree or disagree?

I agree with the statement because to change the world and show the love of Christ must cost something. Serving in comfort those not mirror the example of Jesus, whom we are called to be like. Jesus became sin and he did not sin, but he did it so can experience the freedom we find in God. He always had compassion for the disenfranchised, the lonely, and the broken. We must be willing to put aside our comfort or pride and reach the ones that Christ would go after in a heartbeat.