



Care Bags

GOOD NEWS "CARE BAG" STATIONS

STATION 1: "Life & Teachings of Jesus" Bible + Good News Church coaster

- **Thought:** Mercy to others is a response to God's mercy towards us.
- **Verse:** *"We love Him because He first loved us."* - 1 John 4:19
- **Quote:** *"If you want to be used of God, all you gotta do is show up, because you smell like Jesus."* - Steve Brown
- **Question:** How have you experienced mercy from God and/or another person?
- **Fun:** What's something that you love the smell of?

STATION 2: Canned food items + Can Opener

- **Thought:** As followers of Jesus, we are called to compassion and care for others in the forms of mercy (compassion in action) and justice (truth in action).
- **Verse:** *"If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs."* - Deuteronomy 15:7-8
- **Quote:** *"The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God. Love brings the person to people."* – Martin Luther
- **Question:** What are the obstacles that keep us from being generous towards others in mercy and justice?
- **Fun:** If you had to pick a favorite canned food item, what would it be?

STATION 3: Granola Bars + Peanuts

- **Thought:** Jesus is our example of mercy and compassion.
- **Verse:** *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."* - 1 John 3:16-18
- **Quote:** *"One of God's amazing characteristics is mercy. Mercy means being kind and good to people who do not deserve it. God has extended his mercy to you and me through Jesus Christ and his mercy never runs out."* - Nicky Gumbel
- **Question:** Who are people around you that might be in need of God's mercy and compassion? What are some ways that you could help?
- **Fun:** What's a favorite "somewhat healthy" snack?

STATION 4: Bottled water

- **Thought:** Hunger and thirst are a gift from God when they lead us to and find their satisfaction in Jesus.
- **Verse:** *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."* – Jesus (John 7:37)
- **Quote:** *"To get Jesus, the only thing you need is need."* – Ray Cortese
- **Question:** What did "need" (i.e., hunger and thirst) look like in your life that led you to Jesus?
- **Fun:** What's your favorite non-alcoholic, non-coffee beverage?

STATION 5: Personal note

- **Thought:** Your story is a powerful inspiration that God wants you to share, not because of your successes and put-togetherness, but because of your failures and brokenness.
- **Verse:** *"One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"* – Blind man healed by Jesus (John 9:25b)
- **Quote:** *"The main question is not, how can we hide our wounds, but how can we put our woundedness in service to others."* – Henri Nouwen
- **Question:** What is a personal note you received that was meaningful to you? What makes a handwritten note more meaningful than an email?
- **Fun:** What's a gift you received that was an unexpected, incredible surprise?