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Session 7: Compassionate
Suggested Week of Use: January 17, 2021
Core Passage: Luke 6:27-38

News Story Summary

In December 2020, the company Whole Foods, a chain of supermarkets known for its organic foods, was issued a warning letter by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the repeated mislabeling of food products. The labels did not include possible allergens in the foods. According to the FDA, Whole Foods recalled 32 food products because of mislabeling from October of 2019 through November 2020. The labels failed to include items like milk, eggs and tree nuts which were ingredients included in the packaged item.

For more information, research "Whole Foods issued warning"

Focus Attention

To replace the Begin idea under Focus Attention, present the following question as the group arrives: *What things are you allergic to?* After most have arrived, review the allergies shared and highlight food allergies. Allow the group to share consequences if they ingest the allergen. Point out that some allergies will lead to minor consequences, while others are life-threatening. Present a summary of the story of Whole Foods being warned about disclosing allergens in some of its foods. Then say: *What makes an inaccurate label so dangerous?* Transition by asking: *What makes a label we might put on others dangerous?* Call attention to the introductory paragraph in the Personal Study Guide or Daily Discipleship Guide to foster discussion. Complete the step using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To replace the Reinforce idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of the Whole Foods warning letter. Emphasize the potential consequences of mislabeled food. Remind the group of the dangers of labeling people. Lead them to recall principles from the session about showing love and compassion to all people.

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