

“Pentimento” | Caring for Those Who Serve Us

GETTING STARTED: When was the last time you visited an art museum or gallery? What did you enjoy the most? The least?

EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. Name at least one “caregiver” in your life. (*It might be someone that cares for you when you are ill, watch your children, prepare meals, help around the house, serve in the armed forces or police and fire department.*)

2. When have you served as a caregiver? What did you learn? How were you challenged? How were you rewarded?

3. In what ways did Jesus’ mother serve as a caregiver? Consider the time before Jesus was born, when he was a young boy, during his ministry and final days. What burdens did she care as a caregiver? You can start with these passages:

- Luke 2:6-7
- Luke 2:42-52
- John 2:3-5
- Matthew 12:46
- Mark 3:20-21

4. Read John 19:25-27. How do Jesus’ actions illustrate his care for a caregiver? What is significant about Jesus talking through this topic while suffering on the cross?

5. Consider the statement, “Care converts a church of strangers into family.” Why is this the case? When have you experienced that at South Side?

6. Brooks mentioned the following ways to care for caregivers. What is at least one practical way that you can accomplish these? What needs to happen for each to be able to take place?

- Let them know that someone cares for them
- Be a listening ear for them to vent, cry, or talk
- Create an environment for them to have time to themselves
- Offer them your respect and appreciation

7. Describe what you thought or experienced when you were provided with a thank you note to write to a caregiver? (*Optional: What names came to mind? Who did you choose to write?*)

APPLY THE TRUTH

It’s not too late to apply for “Everyday Hope Project” funds. South Side is giving away \$10,000 to meet real needs in the lives of people outside of our church family in this community, perhaps the need of a caregiver in your life. To apply for up to \$250, visit southsidechristian.com/ehp.

PRAYER

Lord, Thank you for the people in my life that show me care. Help me to recognize their sacrifice and love. Please make me aware of the best possible ways to express my gratitude for their presence in my life. Thank you for the ways that Jesus modeled care in his life, death and resurrection. Amen

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