



EQUIPPING THE LOCAL CHURCH - COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

WITH JIMMY MELLADO

Growing a Great Church

- We never intended to build a big church. We always intended to be the Church.
 - Being the church starts with following Jesus personally, reflecting the fruit of the Spirit, and growing Christ-like people in a faith community.
 - Focus on the Great Commission and Great Commandment.
- Who we are becoming in Christ is the most important thing we can focus on as leaders.

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Jimmy's Compassion Story

- The Lord gave me resources in the well-resourced world and He is calling me to serve the under-resourced world.
- At Compassion, we are Local Church committed. In essence, we are a Church equipping ministry.

Compassion International: Who We Are

- Mission Statement: Releasing children from poverty, in Jesus' name.
 - If we do it in His name, we must do it in His way.
 - We do this through holistic child discipleship.
- Holistic Child Discipleship
 - If there is any obstacle that stops the child from realizing their full God-given potential, we will remove the obstacle.
 - If there is an opportunity to help that child move down the path of their God-given purpose in life, we will provide that opportunity.
- Have long-term, developmental, healthy relationships with indigenous local churches in faith communities.
 - We equip the church to operate Biblically to serve the marginalized.



Getting Involved with Compassion

- We can personally sponsor a child.
- We can get involved in a faith-community or help plant a church in a community that needs one.
- To learn more, sponsor a child, or become a partner church, go to:
www.compassion.com/growleader

Social Justice

- Social justice has to have spiritual justice attached to it.
 - We have to give them social justice and the greatest gift of salvation together.
- If we solve all the poverty in the world and they go to Hell, we still lose.
- We have to combine the two to be effective.
- The church alone can meet the need. Let's partner with what God is doing around the world and be the Church to each other.

"There is no spiritual justice without social justice."
- Chris Hodges

RESOURCES

- [Learn More About Compassion International](#)
- [Ask PC Your Questions](#)
- [GrowLeader Conference 2023](#)
- [GrowLeader Regional Conferences](#)
- [Monthly Mentoring with Pastor Chris](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [Previous Episodes + Show Notes](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)
- [Great American Family Network](#)
- [Compassion International](#)