

Questions

1. Whether you watch the news on TV or doom scroll on your phone, it's easy to see an abundance of wickedness, hatred, and violence. How do you typically respond? Sorrow, anger, disgust, compassion?
2. Read Matthew 9:32-34. What was the Pharisees' sin? How would statements like the one in verse 34 leave the sheep they were supposedly leading "distressed and dejected"?
3. The compassion of Jesus was more than pity or sympathy. What do we know about the Greek word behind that compassion? How would you describe it?
4. Pray for God to help you have compassion like Jesus toward an unbeliever in your life. Might this change how you interact with or pray for that person?
5. As followers of Jesus, how do we better strike the balance between calling evil what it is, while still having compassion for unbelievers who commit that evil, and wanting to see God save them?
6. Read Matthew 14:13. Can you relate to Jesus' experience? What can you learn from His response?
7. Do you catch yourself failing to be compassionate by not speaking vital truth about Jesus to someone in need? If so, how can you begin to make changes?

For Further Reading: *Compassion, Seeing with Jesus' Eyes* by Joshua Mack (2015)

Need prayer? Our Prayer Team will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.

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Engaging with Compassion Various Scriptures

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As we watch Jesus interact with crowds of followers, we see Him engage people with compassion in at least three ways that we can learn to emulate.

The compassion of Jesus was evident in the ways He:

1. Perceived their need (Matthew 9:35-38)

We can also learn about Jesus' compassion by seeing it contrasted against the Pharisees lack of compassion (Matthew 9:11; 23:4, 13).

2. Pivoted His plans (Matthew 14:13-16)

3. Proclaimed truth (John 6:26-30)