

Growth Group Bible Study

A Crash Course on Our Christ - Series

The Compassion of Jesus, the Christ



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Reading Mark 6:30-44

Opening Questions

1. Share a time when fellow Christians showed compassion to you or your family.
2. Share a time when the Lord led you to show compassion in a meaningful way to someone.
3. What are some of the barriers that can keep us from showing compassion as Christians?

Study

1. How did Jesus desire to show compassion to the disciples (vv30-32)? What does that say about the “intensity” of ministry and how to handle it?
2. How does Jesus respond to the crowd in vs34 and what does it tell us about how Jesus sees people? cf. Matt. 9:36 with Mark 1:41; Luke 7:11ff; Matt. 20:34
3. Pastor Greg defined compassion as “your pain in my heart that moves me to help you in your hurt”. Is that a good definition or would you change it or add to it?
4. How does Jesus’ reaction to the crowd show that He is God? (cf. Exodus 34:6; 2 Chron. 30:9; Psalm 103:8; Lam. 3:22-23; Luke 15:20; James 5:11)

5. How should we take the objection of the disciples (vs37) to Jesus' command (vs37) of "you give them something to eat"?

6. Describe the miracle Jesus does in vv38-44 and how does it show Jesus' compassion? What does it say about our responsibility to show compassion in meeting people's needs? cf. James 2:15-16; Prov. 3:27

7. In what ways can we carry out compassion and give some examples.

8. Why is "callousness an enemy of compassion"?

9. How can we deal with the "cost of compassion" as Christians?

Application

1. Prayerfully go through this week with an "eye toward compassion" and trust God to show you how you can better express compassion in Jesus' name.