

Tis the Season for Compassion: A Compassionate Savior

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John 3:16-18 English Standard Version (ESV)

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Discussion/Journal Questions

Read Luke 2:1-21. Spend some time imagining this scene in your mind. Which aspect of the scene stands out most in your mind? Why?

Read Hebrews 4:15. In the sermon, John said that “Compassion led Jesus to identify with the human predicament.” When you think about Jesus, do you find it easy to think about Him as human or difficult? Why?

Why is it important for us to remember that Jesus was fully human?

Read John 3:16-18. Jesus not only identifies with the human predicament, He deals with it. In your own words, how would you explain how Jesus deals with human sin?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Some call this the Great Exchange. What happens to Jesus according to this passage? What happens to us?

Now read the context of this passage, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. After reading this passage, list all the things that God or Christ does?

Now list all the things that we are called to do because of what God or Christ has done for us according to 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.

What are you going to do this week to show compassion to someone else? How can your group hold you accountable to this?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?