

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Compassion for the World

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What do you care about most?

What does Jesus care about most?

Matthew 9:35 Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus has compassion for the lost.

Matthew 9:37-38 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Jesus calls his disciples to compassion before action.

Do we care most about what matters to Jesus?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. ¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

Big Idea: Receive new life in Jesus, and gain compassion for the world.

Live out your new life in Jesus as a worker in the field.

When we care most about what Jesus cares about:

- **We go where we must.**
- **We give what we have.**
- **We share the responsibility.**



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#1 of 2 - August 16, 2020**

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?

- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?

- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) What are some things that you deeply care about? What do you spend a lot of your time and attention on? Why are these things important to you?

3) Read Matthew 9:35-36. When you think about 'crowds' of lost people, what do you usually feel toward them? How does this passage show what is most important to Jesus?

4) Read Matthew 9:37-38. Are you surprised about Jesus' command to his disciples? How is this different than our typical approach to lost people?

5) How can we gain a greater compassion for our world today? How does the sacrifice of Jesus help us with this?

6) Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How can we live out our 'new life' in Jesus today? What does it look like for you to live for Christ, rather than living for yourself?

7) Review the 3 characteristics of those who care about what is most important to Jesus (go, give, share responsibility). Which of these 3 is God asking you to grow in today? How can you be intentional in that area this week?



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