

A TEST OF COMPASSION
Mark 7:31-37

1. How much am I willing to be inconvenienced to help others?

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. (31)

2. How often do I intercede for others?

And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. (32)

3. How close do I get to people?

And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. (33)

4. Do I grieve over the effects of sin?

And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." (34)

5. Am I willing to help those who will ignore what I say?

And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (35-37)