

Compassionate

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ

29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. 30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

—Mark 6:29-34 (ESV)

When you show compassion, you open the door for the grace of God to flow through you.

1. Jesus felt compassion for those

A. Physically Hurting

35 As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 39 And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him.

—Luke 18:35-40 (ESV)

B. Emotionally Hurting

11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. 12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

—Luke 7:11-13 (ESV)

C. Socially Hurting

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

—Matthew 9:10-12 (ESV)

D. Spiritually Hurting

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

—Mark 10:17 & 21 (ESV)

2. Compassion cost Jesus

A. His Agenda

Compassion means: People are more important than Plans.

B. His Comfort

Compassion means: Others Needs are more important than our Comfort.

C. His Reputation

Compassion means: Relationships are more important than Reputations.

We are the CARE givers, Jesus is the CURE giver.