



Life Group Questions - We Are Compassionate!

- On a scale of 1-10 how compassionate do you feel at the moment?

Read Matthew 9:35-36.

- The Message translates verse 36: 'When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke.' What is it about the people that causes Jesus to become heartbroken? Has God ever broken your heart for a group of people?

Read Matthew 9:37-38

- How does Jesus tell his disciples to respond to the needs of the crowd? Why might they have needed to do this?
- On Sunday Dan mentioned 3 attitudes that can potentially prevent us from being compassionate, they were: apathy, comfort and hatred. Can you identify with any of those attitudes, either in the past or the present? What other attitudes do you think keep us from being compassionate?
- Has God ever changed your heart towards a person or a group of people through prayer?

Read Mark 5:21-43

- How does Jesus follow the call compassion in these two stories?
- What are the costs to Jesus?
- What is the consequence of his compassion?
- In verse 35 messengers tell Jairus "There's no use troubling the Teacher now." Do you ever fail to act because you feel as though there is nothing you can do to make a difference? How does Jesus respond?
- On Sunday Dan told the story of Father Damien, did you find his story inspiring? Do you have any personal heroes who have shown great compassion?
- Read 1 John 3:16-20 - summarise John's challenge to us in these verses.
- Mother Theresa said "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Have you ever been impacted, or seen the impact of a small act of compassion?

Pray that God would break our hearts for others, that we would be a church that sees significant people and not significant problems and that we might be willing to pay the cost to see others saved.

Link to the clip used on Sunday https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rS_EqmoRvns