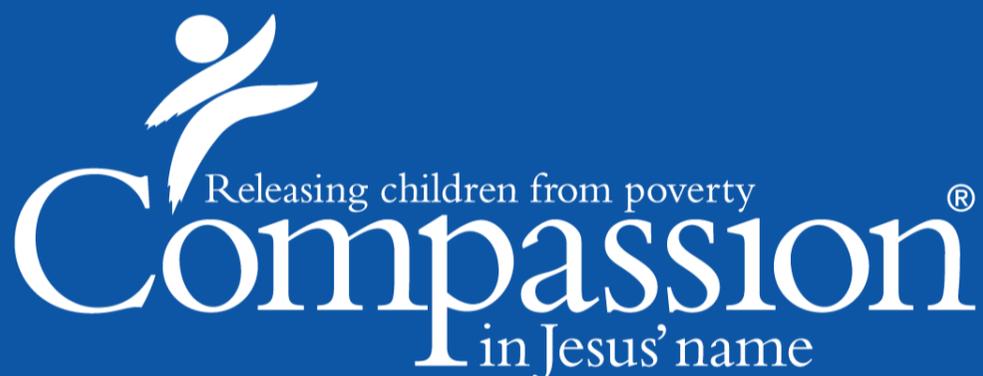


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# NORTH METRO CHURCH

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NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



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# COMPASSION SUNDAY



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## Icebreaker:

If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be?

What is the most exotic (crazy) food you have ever eaten?

## Discussion Questions:

Few people decide to follow Jesus on their own. For most of us, one or more people are influential in our decision. They may be friends, relatives, even writers of books. They may be people we know well or people we admire at a distance.

When you decided to follow Christ, who was one person who influenced your decision? How did he or she influence you?

Just as someone helped you begin your journey with God, Jesus offers us a unique opportunity to play the same role in the lives of others around us. The first thing we must do is see people as Jesus saw them; like sheep without a shepherd. We tend to see people as they appear on the outside, unaware of the needs that live beneath the surface. We need to look deeper and develop a heart for people in need of a Savior.

## Read Matthew 9:35-38.

What did Jesus see and feel as He visited the cities and villages around him?

Jesus said these people often need a shepherd. What do you think he meant by that?

What did Jesus mean by his statement “the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few”?

## **Read James 2:14-24**

What does this passage tell us about how our faith requires action?

What does this passage teach us about actually serving the poor or needy?

Being God's witness to the world around us will embody many things, but it starts with seeing the world as Jesus sees it; with compassion. Compassion for the hurting and helpless. We must care about the world and then as James says do something about it. The ministry of Jesus was first a ministry of compassion. He healed people, help the poor, and cared for the outcast. The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus ministering to people through acts of compassion. Jesus would teach people about the kingdom of God after He had served them.

Why do you think Jesus uses acts of compassion to reach people?

Why do you think he serve people first?

## **Read Acts 1:8**

What are some of the biggest needs that exist in today's world?

Is Christ (the Gospel) the only hope for the biggest needs of the world? If so, how? If not, why?

How can followers of Jesus fulfill the mission of being His "witness to the ends of the earth?"

Looking back at this week's teaching and study, is there one thing you'd especially like to remember this week?

What questions do you still have?