

Compassion

- What is it?
 - sympathetic awareness of others' distress
 - together with a desire to reduce the distress
- What awakens compassion in people?
- What awakens compassion in you?
- What do you do about it?
- What awakens compassion in God?
- What does He do about it?

God's Work in Human Form

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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“Jesus went throughout *Galilee*, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.” *Matthew 4:23*

Chapters 5-7: “Sermon on the Mount”

Chapters 8-9: Healed leper, paralyzed, fever, blind mute, demon possessed and sick, raised a dead girl to life

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37-38:

1-4:

5-8:

- Splanchnic (English)
 - related to internal organs
- Splanchnizomai (Greek: **σπλαγχνίζομαι**)
 - to have compassion

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37-38: Seeing the great need among the people, Jesus told His followers to pray that God would send out more workers

1-4: Jesus called and gave authority to 12 “sent ones”

- A diverse and imperfect group
- who started the global church

5-8: Jesus told them to do His work: proclaim and heal

The Big Idea

God's compassion
is expressed through the words and deeds
of His people
as He chooses and empowers

We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus,
so that the **life of Jesus** may also be revealed **in our body**.

2 Corinthians 4:10

Some Important Notes

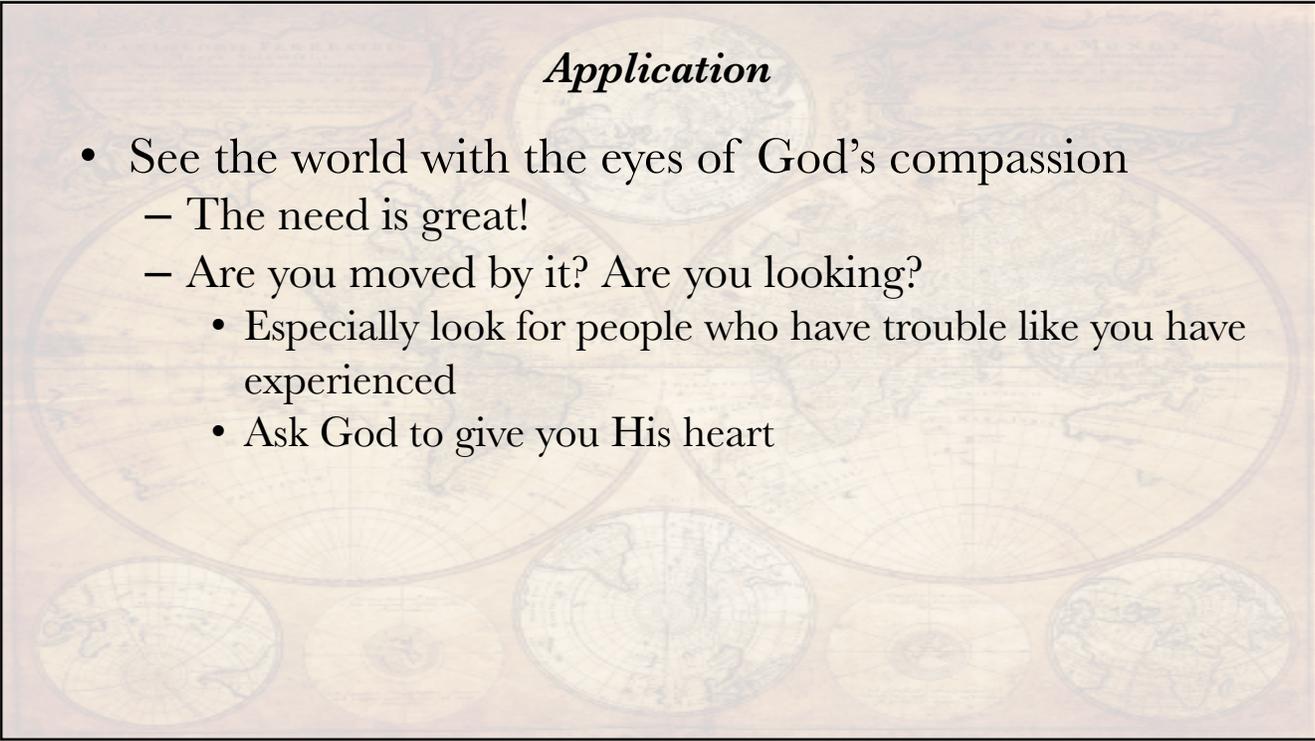
- The Bible was written **for** us, **not to** us
 - A command in the Bible is not necessarily given to me
 - A promise in the Bible is not necessarily given to me
 - “There go and make disciples of **all nations**” *28:19*
 - It takes careful reading and discernment

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- There are many people who need to hear and experience the Good News of Jesus Christ
 - **Truth: The Gospel (“good news”) in words**
 - The creator God is pure and cannot be with what is impure
 - Problem: Our impurity breaks our fellowship with God
 - Hope: Jesus (God the Son) restores us to the Father by grace
 - **Action: The Gospel in deeds**
 - Meeting needs, giving glory to God

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- God calls **every one** of His people to put His compassion into action ... differently
 - Words: telling people of God’s gift to us in Jesus
 - Actions: showing people God’s compassion and goodness, with praise being given to Jesus



Application

- See the world with the eyes of God's compassion
 - The need is great!
 - Are you moved by it? Are you looking?
 - Especially look for people who have trouble like you have experienced
 - Ask God to give you His heart



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- Pray that God would send more workers
 - More of our lives, and more people

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- “Here am I, Lord. Send me!” *Isaiah 6:8*
 - We are sent to different places, for different kinds of work
 - Yet all of God’s people are sent
 - Ask God to send you, and ask God to guide you

There are many different ways to express the compassion of God for people in need

God is calling His people to enact His compassion...

- in words (telling the Gospel)
- in deeds (living the Gospel)
- in every part of life
- **sometimes** He sends us to new places and new roles



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WHAT AWAKENS COMPASSION IN GOD?

- **SEEING PEOPLE WITHOUT SPIRITUAL PROTECTION AND BLESSING**

WHAT DOES HE DO ABOUT IT?

- **HE SENT HIS SON (JESUS CHRIST) TO SAVE**
- **HE SENDS HIS PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL AND ACTION**