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Clarifying Compassion

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Review

Message 1 | April 11, 2021 | Living Proof of a Loving God

I. WHY COMPASSION MATTERS

1 Because God commands us to care.

MARK 12:31

2 Because it proves we follow Jesus.

MARK 10:45

3 Because real love demands it.

LUKE 6:36

4 Because we are blessed.

LUKE 12:48

II. OUR COMPASSION PLAN

• Help hurting people.

Message 2 | April 18, 2021 | Sacrifice

I. WHY SHOULD WE SACRIFICE?

1 Because of Christ's example.

HEBREWS 9:26

Small Group Questions

1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?

2 Go around the group and have each person complete just one of these sentences.

- A time I really needed compassion was...
- It is difficult for me to show compassion when...
- It is easy for me to show compassion when...

3 Pastor Jeremy talked about the importance of "love in action." **What are practical ways you and your family can show this kind of love towards a neighbor, friend or co-worker this week?**

4 How can we be praying for you this week?

- **Biblical principle #1:**

Genuine love is always sacrificial.

- 2** Because of my purpose.

EPHESIANS 2:10

- **Biblical principle #2:**

You get by giving.

- 3** Because of God's reward.

- **Biblical principle #3:**

God notices everything.

Message 3 | April 25, 2021 | **Sandeep Maity's Story**

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Message 4 | Today | **Clarifying Compassion**

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.

I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me."

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?

Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?

When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?"

And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

MATTHEW 25:35-40 | NLT

I. WHAT COMPASSION IS NOT

- 1** Compassion is not staying _____.

"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."

EPHESIANS 4:14-15 | NLT

II. WHAT COMPASSION IS

- 1** Compassion is _____ in _____.

"Our love should not just be words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action."

1 JOHN 3:18 | GNT

"And (Jesus) told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.

And I'll say to myself, You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

LUKE 12:16-21 | NIV

- 2** We are blessed to be a _____.

"If you are a follower of Christ Jesus ... All that matters is your faith that makes you love others."

GALATIANS 5:6 | CEV

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, 'Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well'—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

JAMES 2:15-17 | NLT

"God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 | LB