



CENTRE CHURCH
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WEEK 3: COMPASSION
LUKE 4:14-22

MESSAGE SUMMARY

“Heart Habits” looks at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in Luke 4, searching for specific habits and disciplines Jesus engaged in to maintain a healthy heart in the midst of the chaos surrounding him. These same habits will help Christians cultivate a heart captivated with Jesus even in the midst of uncertain times. This message looks at the compassion Jesus showed His learners.

What is compassion? To have compassion means to empathize with someone who is suffering and to feel compelled to reduce the suffering.

Where do we see compassion in the life of Jesus (Luke 4:14-22)?

14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 *He was teaching in their synagogues*, and everyone praised him. 16 *He went to Nazareth*, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

In what ways did Jesus display compassion? Review Luke 4:18 for answers.

1. By proclaiming _____ to the poor!
Thank you, Lord, for the victory I have through Jesus Christ. – 1 Corinthians 15:57
2. By proclaiming freedom for the _____ and recovery of _____!
Thank you, Lord for setting me free. Help me stand in that freedom and not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. – Galatians 5:1
3. By setting the _____ free!
Thank you, Lord, for delivering me in Your righteousness, and causing me to escape; Incline Your ear to me, and save me. – Psalm 71: 2

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D-GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET TO KNOW YOU Spend a few moments introducing yourselves. Talk through last week's heart habit of humility. Were you able to practice humility at all this past week? How did that impact your spiritual health (your heart)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The third heart habit we see in Luke 4 is compassion, which is not a commonly discussed spiritual discipline. Pastor Arthur talked about the difference between sympathy (feeling sorrow for someone or something), empathy (feeling sorrow as a similar heart aching experience that you both have been through), and compassion (bringing someone else's pain into your heart). How do those descriptions affect your current perspective of how you think of compassion?

2. Read Luke 4:16. In what way does Jesus' decision to make this trip show compassion?

3. Read Luke 4:18. In what way does Jesus show compassion today to people that is similar to His actions towards others in this verse? What kinds of ways does He make compassion "visual" today?

4. D-Group Assignment: Think of ways you can offer compassion to others this week.

List 3 and follow up on your progress next week!

1. I will show compassion with my (family member or friend name here) this week.

2. I will show compassion to my church in the following way this week.

3. I will show compassion as it relates to my faith walk this week by....

Pray for the Lord's favor this week!