



Season of Compassion

Serving those in need

The Week of November 28, 2021

The Good Samaritan Conversation Guide

This Week's Take-Aways

- **About the Church: (Ephesians 4:11-16)** The church is a body of baptized believers who have been bought by the blood of Christ and are bound together by the Holy Spirit. The church is the body of Christ and exists to carry out His purposes on the earth.
- **Identity: (John 1:12)** I have worth and value because I am made in God's image and am His child. As His child, I live my life to bring glory to God and to serve His purposes.
- **Goodness: (Galatians 6:9-10)** I will seek to do good to others even at great cost to myself.
- **I show great compassion: (Psalm 82:3-4)** I actively show my caring for those who are vulnerable in real and tangible ways.





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Intro

- How would you define a compassionate person?

Jesus on Compassion

Pastor Scott taught from the parable of the good Samaritan. Let's look at some other teachings of Jesus on compassion.

Matthew 21:28-32

“What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘My son, go work in the vineyard today.’

“He answered, ‘I don’t want to,’ but later he changed his mind and went. Then the man went to the other and said the same thing. ‘I will, sir,’ he answered, but he didn’t go. Which of the two did his father’s will?”





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They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you didn’t believe him. Tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; but you, when you saw it, didn’t even change your minds then and believe him.”

- Who was Jesus talking to in this passage (check v23)?
- What did the prostitutes and tax collectors do right?
- What did the religious leaders do wrong?





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Luke 6:27-36

“But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don’t hold back your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks you, and from someone who takes your things, don’t ask for them back. Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the





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Most High. For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”

- How many characteristics of a kingdom person can you find in this passage?
- Can any of us meet all these characteristics all of the time?

Luke 6:43-47

“A good tree doesn’t produce bad fruit; on the other hand, a bad tree doesn’t produce good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs aren’t gathered from thornbushes, or grapes picked from a bramble bush. A good person produces good out of the good stored up in his heart. An evil person produces evil out of the evil stored up in his heart, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do the things I say? I will show you what someone





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is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them: 'He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The river crashed against it, and immediately it collapsed. And the destruction of that house was great.'

- Why is Jesus so concerned with the heart?
- How do we store up good in our hearts? How do we build on a solid foundation?
- What should our foundation be?
- Can we truly love without the love of God in our hearts?





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John 15:10

“If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

- What is the connection between obedience and love?

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: “Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”





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- The Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus- instead He gives us the two greatest commandments we are to follow. State them in your own words.
- Have you memorized these verses? Take time this week to work on committing them to memory.

Next Steps

- Pray about how you, your family and/ or Group can be a part of Season of Compassion.
- On December 19, Pastor David's message will be a special presentation of the plan of salvation! Pray about who you can invite to church with you on the 19th and/or to Nights of Wonder on December 23 & 24.

