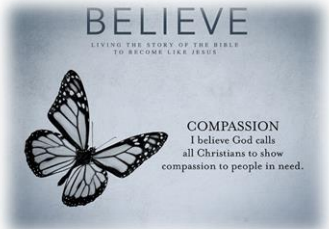


Key Belief: Compassion

Psalm 82:3-4

Message Notes for November 7, 2021



Last week's: Key verse:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

How did you do this week at noticing people around you and thinking: these people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as Savior?

Week 8: Key verse: Psalm 82:3-4

*Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

What makes it challenging for you to show compassion to others?

Compassion: *a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.*

1. Compassion reflects God's _____, not other's _____.

- *Exodus 34: 5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.*
- *Nehemiah 9:16 "But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands. 17 They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and **compassionate**, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them, 18 even when they cast for themselves an image of a calf and said, 'This is your god, who brought you up out of Egypt,' or when they committed awful blasphemies.*

19 "Because of your great **compassion** you did not abandon them in the wilderness. By day the pillar of cloud did not fail to guide them on their path, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine on the way they were to take. 20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. 21 For forty years you sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen.

- Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

What drives God to show compassion on people...on me?

2. Compassion seeks to fill the _____, not always the _____.

- Mark 6:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.
- Matthew 20:32 Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 33 "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." 34 Jesus had **compassion** on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

What need do I KNOW every person has? How can I fill that?

How might I determine and meet the true NEED?

3. Compassion does what I _____ for those who truly _____.

What are some ways I can better show compassion?

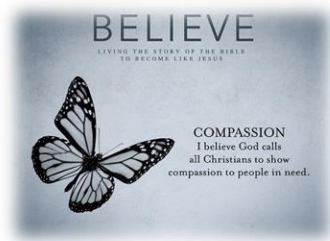
- Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

THIS WEEK: Read pages 127-141 in "Believe" book

JOIN US: Wednesday nights in person or online at 7pm

DAILY DEVOTION: Join email list to start your day with a devotion!

REFLECTIONS:



The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

Do your own study this week: S.O.A.P.

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

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Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*