

Jesus
Filled With Compassion
Sunday, March 14th, 2021

Mark 6: 31-37 NASB

³¹ And He *said to them, “Come *away* by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a little while.” (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) ³² And they went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. ³³ The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran there together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

³⁵ And when it was already late, His disciples came up to Him and said, “This place is secluded and it is already late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But He answered them, “You give them something to eat!”

1. **Eyes to See** (vs. 34)

Mark 6:34 He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them.

Matthew 9: 20-22 Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart daughter, your faith has healed you.”

2. **Willing Attitude** (v. 34)

Mark 6:34 He began to teach them many things.

Matthew 12: 12-13 “It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. Stretch out your hand.” It was completely restored.

Mark 1: 40-41 “*If you are willing*, you can make me clean.” “I am willing.”

3. **Meet the Need** (v. 37)

Mark 6: 41-42 He took the five loaves and the two fish...blessed the food ...and they ate and were satisfied.

Isaiah 53:5. The punishment that brought us peace was on him, by his wounds we are healed.

Colossians 3:12 As God’s chosen people, clothe yourselves with compassion.

Conclusion: May we have eyes to see the needs around us, may compassion move us and the Spirit guide us in how to best serve to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom.
May we like Jesus, *be willing*.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of March 14th – March 20th, 2021

Ice Breaker: What has helped you be more compassionate to others?

Read Mark 6: 31-37.

1. What did Jesus instruct the disciples to do? (v. 31) Why?
2. Does God invite us to rest? How so?
3. How did the people respond when they recognized Jesus and the disciples? What were they hungry for? (v. 33)
4. How did Jesus respond when he saw the large crowd? (v. 34)
5. How might you respond when you are seeking solitude and someone alters that plan?
6. What caused Jesus to have compassion on these people? (v. 34)
7. How might we see our interruptions differently if we look at someone through the eyes of compassion?
8. What did the disciples want Jesus to do with the people? (v.36)
9. What did Jesus have in mind? (v. 37) Why?
10. Did Jesus need the disciples to feed the people? Does He need you and me to help someone in need? *Why does He involve us?*
11. Sending the people away would have caused a missed opportunity for the disciples to learn what?
12. Involving the disciples in Jesus’ miracle feeding showed them what?
13. Read Matthew 9: 18-22. How did Jesus respond when the woman touched Him? What do you think caused Him to respond as He did?
14. Read Matthew 12: 9-13. What was the attitude of the Pharisees? What is Jesus’ attitude toward the man with the shriveled hand?
15. Read Mark 1: 40-42. What question did the man ask Jesus? What moved Jesus to answer? What was His answer?
16. Read Isaiah 53:5. What is the greatest need we have and how did Jesus meet it? Why did He do it? What moved Him?
17. Read Colossians 3:12. What are we to clothe ourselves with daily? Why?
18. Can we fulfill the two greatest commandments to love God and love others without a compassionate heart?

Point to ponder: If we are willing, we can make a difference in others’ lives and for the kingdom of God. Let us clothe ourselves daily with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Let us respond as God calls us to serve and say, “*I am willing*.”