

Becoming Compassionate

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Compassion means “_____” to the point you are moved to relieve the suffering of others. Compassion is _____ and _____.

Consider: Is it easier for you to show compassion to a complete stranger or your own family/friends?

We serve a compassionate God

1. Deuteronomy 4:31
2. Nehemiah 9:17
3. James 5:11
4. Psalm 103:8

John 11: Our Compassionate Savior

1. Compassion doesn't start with _____. It starts with _____.
2. We falsely equate God's compassion for us with his immediate _____ on our behalf. His compassion extends beyond the immediate to the _____.
3. True compassion sees the bigger _____ picture behind the immediate _____ need.
4. The sovereign God who knows how the story will end is still deeply _____ by our circumstances.

Compassion for Ourselves

1. Your source of compassion for yourself will never come from looking in the _____.
2. The _____ to self-compassion comes from the deep, overflowing, never-ending, all satisfying well of Jesus.
3. The degree to which you are focused on the _____ is the degree to which you will have compassion for yourself and others.
4. You are not God. You cannot _____, nor are you called to _____.

Compassion for Others

Gospel-centered compassion _____ us eternally and moves us to show compassion for others.

Compassion is a command - Zechariah 7:9

Compassion is Deliberate Intentional Action - Colossians 3:12 ; Ephesians 4:32

The crowds - Matthew 9:36

Our physical compassion is rooted in _____ compassion. This is the opposite of the world.

Practical Steps Toward Compassion

1. Be intimate with God.
2. Find your worth by revisiting the gospel often.
3. Start showing compassion at home.
4. Ask God to give you eyes to see the needs around you.
5. Ask God to move you to radically, obediently meet the needs He has called you to meet.
6. Avoid Compassion-Shaming others.
7. Watch out because you will be changed by those you serve.

John 11:41-44

Gospel-centered compassion _____ dead people to life.