

A CALL TO COMPASSION The Vision #3

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." **Matthew 9:35-38**

... He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves." **Luke 10:1-3**

Real life is a life of _____!

A. Compassion calls us to minister to _____.

**(Leviticus 23:22; Deuteronomy 15:11; Proverbs 19:17; Luke 12:33;
Matthew 25:37-39; Galatians 2:10)**

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." **John 12:7-8**
(1 Corinthians 13:3)

B. Compassion draws us to the _____.

(Luke 15:1-7; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

C. Compassion demands _____.

So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and some who do not understand or some unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

1 Corinthians 14:23-25

For your small group this week, think about this...

- On a 1 to 10 scale (from not at all to completely), how compassionate are you?
- When Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in Luke 10:1-3, what does he send them out to do, and how is their mission similar to ours? How is it different?
- Have you ever been burned by reaching out to someone? How did that affect you, and how has it affected your ability or desire to extend compassion again?
- What is the difference between the biological function of seeing, and seeing people as Jesus did? Why do we not see people sometime?