

# Message Notes

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**The Compassion of Jesus**  
Gospel of Matthew, Part 38  
Matthew 9:18-10:8

**A Prayer of Faith, expressing the desire of a desperate heart. . . .**  
*Lord Jesus, I come to you by faith. I realize that because of my sin, I am spiritually dead, unclean, blind, in bondage and lost. I am more sinful and separated from God than I ever before imagined. But I believe that your death on the cross demonstrates your compassion. I am more loved by you than I ever dared hope. Thank you for living the life that I should be living and dying the death that I deserve. By faith, I turn away from myself and my sin toward you. By faith, I receive what I really need, forgiveness of my sins and new life in you. Heal and change my life. Amen.*

If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, we would love to hear about it. We would like to help you understand what it means to live a new life in Jesus Christ. Please indicate your commitment of faith on our Welcome Tab attached to the worship folder or contact one of our Ministry Staff listed on the back of Life @ Grace.

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# Message Outline

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**The Compassion of Jesus**  
Gospel of Matthew, Part 38  
Matthew 9:18-10:8 February 20, 2005

**I. Becoming a Follower of Jesus involves. . . .**  
**RECEIVING the Compassion of Jesus.**

- A. Spiritually Dead: like the official's daughter (9:18-19, 23-26)
- B. Spiritually Unclean: like the hemorrhaging woman (9:20-22)
- C. Spiritually Blind: like the two blind men (9:27-31)
- D. Spiritually Enslaved: like the demon possessed man (9:32-34)
- E. Spiritually Lost: like sheep without a shepherd (9:36)

***The compassion of Jesus is received by FAITH.***  
***The compassion of Jesus is shown at the table of Jesus.***

**II. Being a Follower of Jesus involves. . . .**  
**FEELING the Compassion of Jesus.**

- A. Seeing people as they really are apart from Jesus.
- B. Feeling for people who are apart from Jesus.
- C. Praying for laborers who will bring people to Jesus.

**III. Being a Follower of Jesus involves. . . .**  
**SHARING the Compassion of Jesus.**

- A. We are brought in by the compassion of Jesus, so that we can be sent out with the compassion of Jesus.
- B. Sent for Gospel Proclamation, words, speaking *preaching the kingdom of heaven is at hand (9:7)*
- C. Sent for Gospel Application/Demonstration, deeds, showing *healing every kind of disease and sickness (9:1)*

## ***Growth Group Understanding Questions***

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### ***The Compassion of Jesus***

*Gospel of Matthew, Part 38*

*Matthew 9:18-10:8*

1. Read Matthew 9:18-10:8 together, dividing it into 2 parts after 9:36. What have been some of the themes of chapters 8 and 9 and how do we see them highlighted again here in this text?
2. What are the 5 pictures/descriptions in these verses that also describe our true spiritual condition apart from Jesus Christ? Can you think of passages that describe our spiritual condition in each of these same terms? Where are the places we see bold, humble, reverent, desperate faith in these verses?
3. In v. 36, how did Jesus see the people around him? How did Jesus feel for the people around him? Discuss that word "compassion" in v. 36.
4. Before Jesus sent his disciples, what did he have them do? Why do you think he started here?
5. What are the twin components of Jesus' ministry in 9:35? Flesh that out a bit. What is His twin charge to His disciples in v. 1-8 in chapter 10? How does this twin charge apply to us today? How do these two go together and why can they not be separated in Christian ministry?

## ***Growth Group Application Questions***

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### ***The Compassion of Jesus***

*Gospel of Matthew, Part 38*

*Matthew 9:18-10:8*

1. Personally, what grabbed you in this passage? What spoke to your heart or challenged your faith?
2. In our study of Matthew these last few weeks, what have you learned or are you learning about being a disciple (follower) of Jesus Christ?
3. How is the compassion of Jesus shown at the "table of Jesus," the communion table? What do you think about and feel when you take the Lord's Supper? Why do we need this "visual gospel"?
4. Can you share a time when you shared the compassion of Jesus in word and deed with another person? Who are you praying for in your sphere of influence who needs to hear/see the compassion of Jesus?
5. As a church, how are we attempting to reflect/mirror the whole ministry of Jesus? Where is Gospel proclamation happening? Where is Gospel application happening? How are these twin components reflected in our mission statement? Where are you involved in helping to fulfill our mission as a church?
6. How is our view of others linked to and affected by how we view ourselves? How are the Pharisees a picture of that? How can we and the Christian community be pharisaical toward others in the world? How should a true and deep understanding of the Gospel change that?