

*But let us go to him." ... 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept.*

**(b) Jesus was moved with compassion for the hurting because He possessed His Father's \_\_\_\_\_!**

*2 Cor. 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.*

*James 5:11 As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

**(c) Jesus was moved with compassion for the hurting because He truly \_\_\_\_\_ their needs.**

*Heb. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

**Most of us have seen and heard about so much violence and pain that we have become inoculated to it. We see it but are not touched by it.**

**(d) People were drawn to Jesus because they could tell that He had a \_\_\_\_\_ love and compassion for them.**

**(e) If we are going to effectively care for and disciple our people, we must do so from a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and love.**

#### **4 Areas of Focus:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Led Ministry.
2. Relevant/ \_\_\_\_\_ Word
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Believers
4. \_\_\_\_\_ our Community

*Luke 10: 25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him "Go and do likewise."*

**It is sad that after one receives a title or position they often forget to maintain the acts of love and service which got them there in the first place!**

*1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

**Compassion!**

**Like Jesus, this Samaritan was motivated and moved by**

compassion that he felt toward someone in need.

1. Compassion will erase all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Compassion moved the Samaritan to leave his \_\_\_\_\_ zone and to meet the Jew at his point of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Compassion moved the Samaritan to take \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to the Jew.
4. Compassion moved the Samaritan to give of \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to the wounds of the Jew.
5. Compassion moved the Samaritan to provide comfort to the Jew at the expense of his own \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Compassion moved the Samaritan to not leave the Jew alone to \_\_\_\_\_ for himself, but made sure he was cared for until he was well enough to take care of himself.
7. Compassion moved the Samaritan to perform all of these acts of love without expecting anything in return.

Ministry must be motivated by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Jesus was motivated by His \_\_\_\_\_ for the people who were hurting and in need.

*Mt. 14:12 John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. 13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

*Mt. 15:32 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."*

*Mt. 20:30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 31 The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 32 Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 3. "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.*

*Mk. 1:40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." 41 Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.*

*Lk. 7:12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man I say unto thee, Arise. 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak And he delivered him to his mother.*

*Jn. 11:11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." 12 His disciple replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe.*