



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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The Church In The World Today The Power Of Compassion

When you study the Bible, all through the Old Testament, you will find that we serve a God who is known for His compassion. Psalm 86:15, Psalm 103:8, Psalm 116:5

In the Gospels, when we study the life of Jesus, we see that He was full of that same compassion for hurting people. He was moved with compassion—for crowds of hurting and weary people, for individual people who needed help in their lives. And His compassion motivated Him to do what He could do to meet the needs of people. Matthew 9:35-36 TPT, Matthew 14:14 TPT, Matthew 15:32, Matthew 20:29-34, Mark 1:40-42 TPT, Luke 7:11-15

The word for compassion comes from the Greek word *splanchnizomai*, which means internal organs, the deepest part of our being.

- Sympathy is something we feel, but compassion is something we do.
- Compassion is the divine flow of God's love out of us to people in need around us. I John 3:17-18
- Illustration of compassion – Luke 10
- God will always give us what we need to reach out to people in need. Psalm 37:23
- Compassion always lifts and encourages people. Luke 10:33-34
- Consider what it would be like to trade places with those in need.

Practical Applications:

- Pray that God would open your eyes to those in need around you. Pray that you would be able to see people through God's eyes—as He sees them.
- Pray that you would keep your heart of compassion open—soft and tender towards the needs of the people around you.
- Pray that you would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit; to follow that divine flow of Jesus' love and compassion and do whatever you can to make a difference.
- Remember, God will only ask for what you have available.