

what the world needs share compassion

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MATTHEW 25:31-46

ALL PEOPLE MATTER TO JESUS:

- > See a hurt and heal it.
- > Find a need and meet it.
- > Look for emptiness and fill it.
- > Detect hopelessness and change it.
- > Watch for aloneness and comfort it.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- > **Mission:** Love your neighbor.
- > **Mandate:** Don't just talk about it, be about it.
- > **Mobilize:** Unleash the talents and abilities of the BCA army.
- > **Motivation:** LiveLoveLead like Jesus.
- > **Message:** God loves you more than you could ever know.

RECAST OUR VISION FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Get it going, keep it growing!

What it says

Matthew 25:35-40— *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

What it means

- > Responsibility and reward.
- > Compelling challenge to ACT.
- > Those who hurt matter to Jesus.

What it means to me

- > Desperation in others should elicit a demonstration from me.
- > When you reach out in Christian love...you touch the heart of God.

1. Christ's Command

Foundational Scriptures

>**Matthew 25:35-40**—*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

>**John 13:34-35**—*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

>**Acts 1:8**—*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

>**Matthew 22:37-40**—*Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.*

>**James 1:27**—*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

2. We have dared to do something great for God

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All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

Rewatch today's message online at bcachurch.com/messages.

- > Our ministry is faith based.
- > We want to give a hand up, not just a hand out.
- > We purpose to care for people wholistically (RPMS).
 - Relational Needs
 - Physical Needs
 - Mental Needs
 - Spiritual Needs
- > We want to do more.

3. Believe for a miracle

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STUDY GUIDE: 6/2/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read the following scriptures that make up BCA's guiding principles for compassion ministry. What do they say? What do they mean? What do they mean to you?

Mission - Love your neighbor - *Matthew 22:37-40; Luke 10:25-37*

Mandate - Don't just talk about it, be about it. *James 2:14-17; John 15:12-14*

Mobilize - Unleash the talents and abilities of the BCA army. - *Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:10*

Motivation - LiveLoveLead like Jesus. - *Galations 2:20; Ephesians 5:1-2*

Message - God loves you more than you could ever know. - *John 3:16; Jeremiah 31:3*

2. Then discuss: What could we do as a group to serve at the BCC to touch the lives of precious people in need? Many groups have served together through the years. How about your group?