

SERMON NOTES

Sending Emphasis Week
March 2, 2008

“Root of Compassion”

Introduction:

We know that the Bible tells us to love other selflessly and to show compassion, but why is it so difficult? The answer rests in who we are as humans, fallen and selfish. But there is an exciting remedy that will result in compassion, love, and a realizing of who God has called us to be.

Why is a lifestyle of compassion so difficult?

What is the remedy to the problem?

As we embrace this remedy, what will result?

Application

Going Deeper

1. How would you define "compassion"?
2. Do you find it hard to have a lifestyle of compassion? Why or why not?
3. Do you agree that a fruit of our sinful nature is selfishness? How does this, being a part of our nature, make compassion and loving others difficult?
4. We are promised that as we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us (James 4:8). As we draw near to Him and He draws near to us, what will the results be in our life?
5. As we are transformed to view the world more as Jesus did, why will it lead us to "hate the world"? What specifically will it lead us to hate about the world?
6. Conversely, we will be led to love the people of the world. How will this transformation lead us naturally to a life of compassion?
7. What is one step you can take to "draw near" this week?
8. What is one intentional step of compassion you can take to show the love of Jesus to those in need?

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