

THE AGONY OF COMPASSION

April 10, 2022

Matthew 23:37-39

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Why is it often hard for us to have compassion for the rebellious and those walking in sin? How do we sometimes respond instead of compassion? Read Romans 2:4. Why is being compassionate towards those stuck in sin a Gospel issue? Who in your life is stuck in sin and needs your compassion for the sake of the Gospel?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Jesus had compassion for the rebellious but also called them to repentance and restoration. Who in your life needs you to call them to Jesus by either sharing the Gospel or inviting them to church? Take time to pray over the specific people and names in your small group.



_____ **FOR THE REBELLIOUS**
CALLS THEM TO _____.

- I. Jesus had compassion for the _____. – v. 37-38

If I truly have compassion for the lost, I will _____ over their rebellion.

II. Jesus called the rebellious to _____ . - v. 39

*If I truly have compassion for the lost, _____
them to repentance.*

III. Worship-fueled, Scripture-Based Prayer

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read Matthew 23:37-39. How do these verses fit in the greater context of the beginning of the Passion Week recorded in chapters 21-24? If these verses were missing, how would that change the overall picture of Jesus in these chapters? How does the Jesus pictured in these verses impact our understanding of the Gospel and our role in His mission?

Read also: Luke 13:31-35, 19:41-44. These verses picture Jesus as a loving, concerned parent for Jerusalem/Israel. What two sides of a loving parent does He model here and how do both relate to compassion (suffering with someone)? What can we learn from Jesus' example of compassion?

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$7,176
This Month: \$6,790
Last Month: \$34,755
Monthly Budget: \$29,810



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