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week 1

DAY 1: READ MATTHEW 9:18-10:15

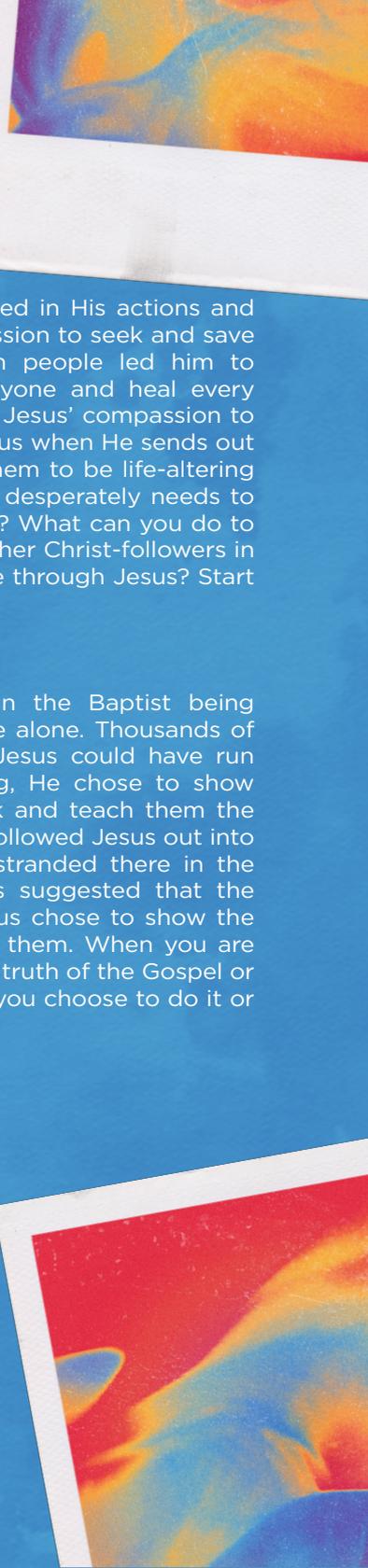
Jesus' compassion for the people manifested in His actions and intentional choices. Jesus was on a holy mission to seek and save the lost. His compassion for lost, broken people led him to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to everyone and heal every disease and affliction everywhere He went. Jesus' compassion to see the lost saved and healed is most obvious when He sends out his disciples, equipping them and calling them to be life-altering agents of the Gospel truth to a world that desperately needs to know. Do you have compassion for the lost? What can you do to better enable, equip and participate with other Christ-followers in sharing the great news and healing we have through Jesus? Start today.

DAY 2: READ MARK 6:14-44

When Jesus heard the news about John the Baptist being beheaded, he withdrew to a desolate place alone. Thousands of people sought Jesus out, though. While Jesus could have run away, told them to leave or done nothing, He chose to show compassion! Jesus chose to heal their sick and teach them the truth! When all these thousands of people followed Jesus out into a desolate place, they found themselves stranded there in the evening without food. While the disciples suggested that the people leave and fend for themselves, Jesus chose to show the compassion of God and miraculously feed them. When you are presented with an opportunity to speak the truth of the Gospel or tangibly enact the love of Jesus today, will you choose to do it or will you spectate and merely observe?

DAY 3: READ LUKE 10:25-37

What does it look like to love your neighbor like Jesus? When telling a lawyer the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus commands the lawyer to fulfill the law: loving God with all his heart, mind, soul and strength and love people to the same depths as the Samaritan in the story. In choosing to show compassion on the half-dead victim, the Samaritan went to great lengths, using his physical resources, time and money to make sure the neighbor is taken care of and restored to life. Are you willing to utilize your resources, time and money to care for others? Ask the Lord to open your eyes to the needs of others.





DAY 4: READ EXODUS 33

God's compassion is consistent with His character. Even when the people of Israel sinned greatly against God by worshiping idols, He sought a better path of healing for them. Instead of wiping them out or withholding His presence, the God of all creation spoke with Moses "as a man speaks to a friend." Through a close relationship with God, Moses recognized his absolute need for God's presence among His people. Their rescue depended on it. Moses relationship with God compelled Him to want more of God's presence and guess what? God provided! He could have wiped the Israelites out with just the sheer glory of His presence, but He didn't. Our God is a righteous God, full of mercy, abounding in love. He chose a better path because He has compassion and chooses to show mercy.

DAY 5: READ LUKE 11:1-13

Our God is not a spectator. Throughout history, scripture and our lives, He has actively been at work showing compassion through the blood of Jesus and His living presence. He has given us His Holy Spirit and made it available to all who ask Him because He is a gracious God, full of mercy and compassion. He does not leave us stranded or without the tools, gifts and mercy we need. Why? Because He loves us and wants a relationship with us! Even when we feel isolated, distracted, unworthy, tired or overwhelmed, our God seeks us out because He has better plans for us and is invested in seeing us know Him! Today, dwell on the ways you see God's intentions for you. Thank Him for the ways He is at work in and around you. Thank Him for not withholding His precious Holy Spirit from you. If you have not asked for the Holy Spirit, don't wait! Ask Him now and watch Him provide His presence!

DAY 6: READ PSALM 84

We serve a God who has not withheld shelter from us. In Jesus, we have hope, healing and purpose. We are neither abandoned nor defenseless. His compassion led Him to die on a cross, tear the temple veil and pour out His Holy Spirit on us. Today, rejoice at the great character of God. Thank Him for His compassion. Thank Him for His protection and provision. Prioritize His presence today; seek to keep your attention closely focused on Him, watching as He moves and listening for when He speaks.

