

Who Cares?  
Mark 10:35-45, Isaiah 42:1-9  
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1. A disciple of Jesus aims to become like Him.

Luke 6:40 *A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.*

II Corinthians 3:18 *And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

John 14:12 *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

2. Jesus cared for others through acts of compassionate ministry.

Isaiah:42:1 *"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations."*

Mark 10:45 *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

- **Gospel Presentation: Ransom.** We were under the control of Satan for all eternity. Jesus paid the price to set us free to be with Him eternally.

3. Service (= compassionate ministry) requires humility.

Mark 10:42-44 *Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.*

John 13:14-15 *Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

James 4:10 *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.* (Cf. I Peter 5:6)

- **Yesterday I visited Diana in the hospital. (Brag about it.)**

- **Jesus gave his life as a ransom for many.**

- **How else did Jesus care for others through acts of compassionate ministry?**

There are many kinds of valuable service or ministry.

4. Jesus fed hungry people.

Mark 8:19-20 *When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. <sup>20</sup> "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven."*

- **This week you gave Thanksgiving baskets to 145 families around the county.**

- A lady called from Lake Nona. Jewish. Jesus' love knows no barriers! (And the people He fed were Jewish!)
- The food pantry serves more than 250 families a week. (Loaves and fishes.)

### 5. Jesus taught.

Mark 6:34 *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.*

- Teaching is an important ministry. An act of compassion!
- Many people in our culture make huge mistakes because of lack of teaching. Moral problems, Financial problems,
- Teachers, pray for students!
- Next week we'll talk more about teaching.
- After this teaching Jesus fed the 5,000

### 6. Jesus prayed for people.

Luke 22:31-32 *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*

Romans 8:34 *Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

- Jesus' prayers were effective for Simon!
- We underestimate the importance and power of prayer!
- Join us for prayer tonight.

### 7. Jesus healed sick people.

Matthew 14:14 *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

James 5:14-16 *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

- Healing brochure.
- Get prayers for healing often!

■ TR. But how can we heal the sick?

### 8. The Holy Spirit empowers us to care for others through acts of compassionate ministry.

I Corinthians 12:7-10 *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of*

*healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.*

*Romans 12:6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. 7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; 8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

- *This is when service becomes FUN! When we do it in the power of the Holy Spirit!*
- *Go with the flow.*
- *We need the Spirit's power not just for healing ministry but for teaching, for leading worship, for the food pantry. Even in our careers.*
- *Let the Spirit of God work through you.*

9. We care for Jesus through acts of compassionate ministry.

*Matthew 25:37-40 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"*