

Leadership and Compassion for the lost

Matthew 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Compassion is a necessary characteristic for leaders.

Compassion is having sympathy for another person’s problems.

Compassion is considering what it must be like to be in another person’s situation.

Compassion sees other’s pain and desires to alleviate it.

Jesus is our model for leadership and compassion for the lost

- I. Jesus had compassion because the people He saw were harassed and helpless.
 - A. Some had physical limitations. (Matthew 9:2)
 - B. Some had been isolated by religious people. (Matthew 9:9-11)
 - C. Some were distraught because their loved ones had died. (Matthew 9:18)
 - D. Some had dealt with incurable diseases for years. (Matthew 9:19)
 - E. Some couldn’t speak because of demon possession. (Matthew 9:36)
- II. Leaders are to have compassion for the people and the problems in our world.

Mass Incarceration is being called the new Jim Crow for black men.

Discrimination against minorities remains an issue.

Human Trafficking—the sell and purchase of people—has become a new form of slavery.

- III. Jesus’ compassion provoked him to prayer and to send His disciples to harvest the souls.

Prayer gives God permission to get involved in things on the earth
Psalm 115:16 says, “The highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to mankind.”

Praying God’s will gives us confidence that God will answer our prayers.
1 John 5:14 says, “*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*” ¹⁵ *And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*”

Jesus not only prayed for the lost, He trained His disciples to meet the needs of the people. (Matthew 10)

- IV. Leaders are to reach the lost in our generation.

Mark 16:15 says, “And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

We are to invade every system that man has created and preach the Gospel.

- A. In Arts and Entertainment
- B. In Business
- C. In Congregations
- D. In Direct Media
- E. In Education
- F. In Families
- G. In Government

The next great leader of our time is waiting to be reached.

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