

The Invitation

A Life of Compassion

Mark 1:40-45

Launch

Have you ever been on a mission trip in a foreign country? Where and when?

Explore

Read the passage

Why do you suppose the leper phrased his request the way he did?

How would this interaction have changed the man's life? (Jeff mentioned that it brought him purpose, value, hope, spiritual life, and restoration. Discuss any or all of these aspects.)

Why did Jesus tell him to "say nothing to anyone" about being cleansed?

How would you define compassion? Why is it necessary in the life of a Christian?

Verse 41 says that Jesus was "moved with compassion." Other manuscripts use the word "indignation." How does this shape your view of the concept?

Apply

Do you think it's easier to show compassion to a complete stranger (like, on a mission trip) or a person you know well? Why?

Have you ever been "moved with compassion" like Jesus? Describe.

How have you experienced the compassion of Jesus first-hand?

Pray

Pray that we would have soft hearts, sensitive to the needs of people who need the compassion of Jesus in their lives.