

Defined by Our Values: Compassionate

The Values that Define Us

We seek to be a community of loving, praying disciples of Jesus who are:

Grounded in Scripture

Relevant

Authentic

Compassionate

Intentional

Open

United

Spirit Led

Biblical Compassion

- In Scripture, compassion is NOT about feeling bad for someone or pitying them
 - Even though, there is a place for that in the life of Christians
- Rather, Biblical Compassion is an expression of love focused in understanding
 - Real love involves a deep, intimate knowledge of the beloved
- Jesus' ministry was marked by compassion (Matt. 9:36; see also Matt. 14:14; 15:32; Mark 6:34; 8:2; 9:22; Luke 7:13; 10:33)
 - Because this reflects the heart of His Father (Luke 15:20)

People of Compassion

- We are called to be compassionate/loving with others based upon the love that God has shown us (1 John 4:19-21)
- Jesus said that the world would know that we belong to Him by how we love (John 13:35)
 - In fact, the most repeated command in Scripture is our call to love one another (John 13:34; see also John 15:12, 17; Rom. 12:10; 13:8; Eph. 4:2; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:8; 1 John 3:11, 23 4:7, 11-12; 2 John 1:5)

Compassion with Skin on

- Scripture also gives us ideas of how to show this compassion through the 'one another's' & 'each other's' of the NT
 - These are all expressions of God's love at work in us

God is Love

- It is important for us to be defined by our love for God and one another
- And it is equally important to let God define what love is
 - Not culture
 - Not emotions
 - GOD! (1 John 4:7-12)

So What?

- If we know God through Christ, we know what love looks like
- Are we letting God's compassionate love for us define how we treat others?
 - So they can see God through us!

Meditation Verse: 1 John 4:12

“One Another”s & “Each Other”s in the NT

‘One Another’s (36)

John 13:14, 34, 35

Rom. 12:10, 16; 13:8; 14:13; 15:7, 14;
16:16

1 Cor. 1:10; 16:20

2 Cor. 13:12

Gal. 5:13

Eph. 4:2, 32; 5:19, 21

Col. 3:13, 16

1 Thess. 5:11

Heb. 3:13; 10:24, 25

James 4:11

1 Pet. 1:22; 3:8; 4:9; 5:5, 14

1 John 1:7; 3:11; 4:7, 11, 12

2 John 1:5

‘Each Other’s (20)

Mark 9:50

John 15:12, 17

Rom. 1:12

1 Cor. 11:33; 12:25

Gal. 6:2

Eph. 4:32

Col. 3:9, 13

1 Thess. 3:12, 18; 5:11, 13, 15

2 Thess. 2:1

Heb. 13:1

James 5:9, 16

1 Peter 4:8

Commands to:

Be at peace (5), love (21), encourage (8), be patient (6), be concerned (1), accept (1), carry burdens (1), forgive (1), don't lie (1), build up (2), be kind (2), confess (1), pray (1), serve (2), be devoted (1), don't judge (1), instruct (2), greet (4), be hospitable (1), submit (1), admonish (1), meet with (2), don't slander (1), be humble (2)