

# Choose Compassion

## This is Compassion

Acts 3

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of August 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Main Point: Whatever you do, do it as a transformed follower of Jesus**

### CONNECT -----

How difficult would it be for you to fit everything you own into your childhood bedroom?

How far back can you trace your family history? What did your great grandparents do for work?

Why do you think so many families have family reunions every couple of years?

### LEARN -----

How would you define the word compassion?

**Have a volunteer read Matthew 5: 14- 16.**

What do you think Jesus means when He calls His followers the light of the world?

How are we to shine light to the world?

**Have a volunteer read Mark 1: 40-42.**

Why do you think Jesus chose to touch the man with leprosy?

How do you think the man who was healed felt about Jesus afterward?

Why do you think the man who was healed was unable to keep silent about what had happened to him?

Jesus knowingly violated the Jewish law to show compassion. Are there traditions or rules in our society or church that keep us from showing compassion?

**Have a volunteer read Acts 3: 1-5**

Where were Peter and John headed?

Why do you think people brought the crippled man to the entrance to the temple every day?

There were probably hundreds of people seeking help at the temple. Why do you think Peter and John noticed this man?

What is your typical routine when you are headed to church?

What about when you are headed to work?

Would you say there is room in your schedule for God to interrupt your plans by showing you someone who needs compassion? Why or why not?

**SERVE** -----

Did you text the number Cam talked about in church this week? What act of compassion are we going to do as a group? *If you didn't text in, you can find the projects at <http://compassiongo.com/local-outreach/this-is-compassion>*

How do you need to adjust your schedule to build in room for interruptions from Jesus?

How can you intentionally seek to give God the glory for the good things you do?

**PRAY** -----

Thank God that he demonstrated compassion through Jesus. Pray that Jesus will show you one person this week who needs compassion from you.