

4. Where do you encounter people who need compassion?
What would it look like to respond with compassion?

5. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021
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TODAY'S MESSAGE COMPASSION

TODAY: COMPASSION • MARK 3:1-6

THE BOTTOM LINE

COMPASSION RESULTS IN _____.

He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! – Mark 3:5 NLT

THE WILDERNESS IS A PLACE OF _____
& _____

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
– Mark 1:4 NLT

"The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced.
"The Kingdom of God is near!" – Mark 1:15 NLT

JESUS' _____ CONFIRMED HIS _____

Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. – Mark 1:21 NLT

“Don’t tell anyone about this. Instead, go to the priest and let him examine you...This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.” – Mark 1:44 NLT

But the man went and spread the word, proclaiming to everyone what had happened. As a result, large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn’t publicly enter a town anywhere. – Mark 1:45 NLT

JESUS' _____ AFFIRMED HIS _____

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. – Mark 2:1 NLT

GOD _____ US HIS AUTHORITY FOR THE
_____ OF THOSE
_____ OUR AUTHORITY

At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus. – Mark 3:6 NLT

Mark 3:1-6 NLT

¹ Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. ² Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus’ enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man’s hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath.

³ Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, “Come and stand in front of everyone.” ⁴ Then he turned to his critics and asked, “Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?” But they wouldn’t answer him.

⁵ He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! ⁶ At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE

TAKE AN _____ ROOTED IN

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the questions highlighted in **bold**.

- 1. Give an example of a time when you received compassion or grace. What was it and how did you feel as a result?**
2. Read Mark 3:1-6 again, looking for the motivations. What do you think Jesus was looking to accomplish? What about the man with the deformed hand? The Pharisees? How does this give us insight into their character?
- 3. “God loans us his authority for the benefit of those under our authority.” In what ways is this different than the prevailing understanding of authority and power and their use?**

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