

the PRIORITY of COMPASSION

THE COMPASSION OF JESUS FOR THE LOST

EYES THAT SEE SERVE EYES THAT CRY

Matthew 20:29-34

Introduction:

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Compassion...

is often inefficient.

requires us to be interruptible.

is purposeful.

GETTING STARTED: Who is someone you consider to be compassionate? What do they do or say that leads you to think they are compassionate?

DIG DEEPER: Read Matt 20:17-34. How does the story of the blind men connect to what precedes in vs 17-28? What do the blind men call Jesus? Why is this important? Once healed, what do they do? What moved Jesus to heal these men (vs 34, see also Mt 14:14; 15:32; Mk 1:40-41; Mk 6:34; Lk 7:11-15)? Why is compassion a necessary attribute of the messiah who comes and brings in a new kingdom (Jer 23:1-6; Micah 7:19-20; Zech 7:8-12; 9:8-9; Mt 21:4-5; Ps 103:8-11)?

LIVING IT OUT: In what situations do you find it easy to show compassion? Difficult? What is one act of compassion you will do this week that will cause you to be inefficient and interrupted? As an act of compassion, pray for someone who you know needs compassion.