



Jesus, the Compassion of God – Matthew 9:35-38

December 7, 2025 / Pastor Koby Orr

START TALKING | *Get your group thinking.*

1. When you were little, what was the wildest or funniest mess you got into that took a whole lot of 'compassion' from the adults in your life?

START SHARING | *Get your group engaging with the message.*

2. Pastor Koby emphasized that biblical compassion involves both emotion and action. Looking at Matthew 9:35-38, where do you see that combination present in Jesus' ministry?
3. In Matthew 9:36, the word "saw" implies deep understanding, not mere observation. How does this meaning deepen the connection to Psalm 139, and what might Matthew be trying to teach us about God's character?
4. Hebrews 4:15 says Jesus can "sympathize with our weaknesses," and Isaiah 53:3 calls Him "a man of sorrows." Why is it important that Jesus experiences suffering – not just observes it? What does this real about the nature of the Incarnation?
5. Jesus' compassion addresses both present needs (healing) and eternal needs (proclaiming the gospel). How do these dual aspects of ministry in Matthew 9:35 shape our understanding of what God's compassion truly aims to accomplish?

START LIVING | *Get your group applying God's Word to daily life.*

6. If Jesus sees, feels, and moves toward us in our suffering, what is one practical way you could run *toward* God this week, instead of withdrawing when things feel heavy or overwhelming?
7. Since God's compassion toward us is meant to overflow to others, what is one concrete way you can show Christlike compassion – emotion + action – to someone in your life or community this week?