

# THE PHYSICIAN

May 14, 2023

## MESSAGE RECAP

This week's purpose is to explore the depth of Jesus' compassion on people during his ministry, connecting it to the pervasive desire in our culture to be understood and empathized with in our suffering. Whether its physical or emotional pain, everyone is looking for someone who will understand and share the burden. We are like Jesus when we show compassion to the unchurched.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Watch the following ad, <https://youtu.be/d-lcLDvR8mc>, and discuss what stands out in it and the message from Sunday.
2. What labels got used when you were in high school? What labels do you see getting used now? What's the danger of labeling someone?
3. Read Matthew 9:35-36. What do you think Jesus saw that made him have compassion on these people? Why were they harassed and helpless?
4. When you see people that don't know Jesus and are struggling, is compassion one of your first responses? If not, what is? How can you grow in this?
5. Francis Schaeffer said that *"Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world."* Do you believe that's true?
6. Read Matthew 9:37-38. Have you ever seen yourself & the church to be the answer to that prayer?
7. Read James 4:7. If compassion doesn't move you to action, is it really compassion? What is it then?
8. Talk about some specific ways you can show compassion to the unchurched this week.

## PRAY