

## Sermon Discussion Questions for August 4, 2019

### Mission - Compassion in the name of Jesus – Acts 3:1-10

1. What key point stood out to you in the message?
  2. Compassion requires \_\_\_\_\_ (Going). What is your comfort zone when it comes to getting involved with other people's problems? Do you ever justify not getting involved? How? Peter and John did not stay at home. In verse 1, where did they go? Do you ever avoid going places where needy people are located? Why?.
  3. Compassion requires \_\_\_\_\_ (Seeing). After the lame man begged for money, what did Peter and John do before speaking to him? Do we see those in need as inconveniences or as real people created in the image of God and loved by God? Even if you can't give someone money, can you give them acknowledgment and a listening ear?
  4. Compassion requires \_\_\_\_\_ (Moving). Most of us recognize needs of people and many times we emotionally hurt for needy people. But compassion requires MOVING from mere feelings to \_\_\_\_\_ (action). Did Peter and John give the lame man what he asked for? What are some ways that we can help those in need other than/in addition to helping them financially?
  5. Compassion requires \_\_\_\_\_ (Pointing). Addressing material or physical needs is wonderful. But as believers in Jesus, we are also called to address \_\_\_\_\_ (spiritual needs). What is the right motivation for helping those in need? How do we connect our real concern with the temporal/physical needs with the eternal/spiritual needs?
  6. Most of us have received material blessings and spiritual blessings. How do we respond? How did the man who received the gift of being able to walk respond? How do you suppose the people in the temple responded?
- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
  - Love others as Christ loves you.
  - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
  - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.

