



Compassion (using clips from Wicked)

What is true compassion? Is it saying the right words? Doing the right things? Is it showing up when no one else does? Join us this weekend and we take a look at what compassion looks like with the help of a couple of folks from Oz.

Scripture:

Colossians 3:12-17 NLT

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body, you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Matthew 7:1-5 The Message

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor.

Questions:

- If you had to rate yourself on how much of a compassionate person you – what score would you give yourself and why?
- Think of times when someone has been compassionate to you...what are the things they said or did, or didn't do or say, that made you feel seen and loved?
- Who in your world needs a little more compassion from you? Who are you making judgements about that keep you from loving the way Jesus calls us to love? This week...what might happen if you chose to show more compassion to that person(s)?

Reading for the Week:

- **Monday:** Luke 10:30-35
- **Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11-14
- **Wednesday:** 1 Peter 5:3-5
- **Thursday:** Psalm 145:8
- **Friday:** Romans 12:17