SERMON / LIFE NOTES

January 16-17, 2016 Just Jesus A Touching Story Luke 5:12-16 Dr Chad Garrison



SERMON NOTES

Jesus healed the leper's body and restored his life.

- Jesus is not repulsed by our condition.
- God hates sin for the damage it does.
- Jesus will restore your life if you ask

Jesus doesn't want to <u>fix</u> your life, He wants to <u>lead</u> your life.

Followers of Jesus are people of compassion

- We care
- We act

GETTING STARTED

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

Pastor Chad said "Jesus doesn't want to fix your life, He wants to lead your life". Have you been asking God for band-aids or surgery? Have you been requesting fixes or a changed direction and heart? How does this idea impact you?

"Followers of Jesus are people of compassion." Do you consider yourself "cold-hearted, 'sorta' caring, or a bleeding heart"? (Not very compassionate, moderately compassionate, or extremely compassionate) Are you better at "caring" or "acting"? What are you doing as individuals and as a LifeGroup to act on your compassion?

MORE...

Read Luke 7:11-17, Matthew 12:38-39, Mark 8:11-12, Mark 10: 46-52

Why does it appear that Jesus took action in some cases and did not in others?

Can you think of people in your life that are or were in need? Why did you have compassion on some of them and not of others? What keeps you from having compassion on some?

Read Luke 10:30-37

Where did the Samaritan get his compassion for the victim? According to this parable, what does compassion look like?

Read Colossians 3:12-17

Jesus came to lead our lives not to just fix them. Total restoration comes from Jesus. Why are these verses important in Jesus' leadership of our lives? Of all the things listed in these verses, which is the hardest for you to allow Jesus' leadership of in your life?

TAKING IT HOME

Is God's leadership in your life evident? Has light filled the darkness of your soul? How has it changed the way you treat those around you? Has His presence given you the ability to forbear, forgive, to love others more than you love yourself? These are tough questions, but ones that we have to ask ourselves everyday. What is one thing that you will do this week to allow God's leadership in your life? Let's all be thankful that Jesus is not repulsed by our condition and let's be in prayer this week for God's leadership as he teaches us compassion for those around us.

FOLLOW UP/ READING

Day 1 Luke 5 Day 2 Luke 7 Day 3 Matthew 12 Day 4 Mark 8 Day 5 Mark 10 Day 6 Luke 10

Day 7 Colossians 3