

The Compassion Connection

Who cares?

Indifference, apathy, insensitivity, and even a hard, uncaring heart are characteristics of a “who cares” attitude.

Jesus had an antidote for the “who cares” problem... it’s called compassion!

com·pas·sion (kəm -pəz hən)

n. Deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it; the humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it

Compassion has two major components...

Awareness

- Is seeing people. Matthew 9:36
- Is discovering the needs of people. Matthew 20:29-33
- Is knowing what to do to meet the needs of people. Matthew 20:34
- Is feeling true concern for people. Luke 7:11-15

Action

- Being willing to put our faith to work. James 2:14-18
- Doing what is necessary to help people. Matthew 14:10-14
- Giving people the Good News that will affect their eternal relationship with God! Matthew 9:35-38

The Father’s compassion... Luke 15:11-24

Our call to compassion... Colossians 3:12