

Digging Deeper During the Week!

What is 'the Gospel?' The phrase means 'good news' and is God's declaration of His love for you! God wants you to possess an eternal, abundant and intimate relationship with Him! *When you have that, you will find God's love compels you to tell others of His love!*

Monday **Compelled by Compassion!** 11-Feb Matthew 9.35-38

Experiencing the love of Jesus causes us to want to imitate it! Jesus was motivated to meet the needs of the people that surrounded Him each day.

- As you read through the passage, we notice that the love of Jesus moved Him to do three things (35). What were these three things and what do you think the significance of each is when it comes to a heart of love?
- Jesus was motivated by three needs of the people He walked among (36). What are those three needs? How do these specific needs reflect a strategy to introduce people to God's love (37-38)?

Tuesday **Compelled by Reality!** 12-Feb Romans 1.18-20

God's love is so powerful and life-changing! Without God's rescue through the work of Jesus, humanity is lost forever. For those of us in right relationship with Jesus, we see the reality of need in people's lives and want to do something about that need!

- When someone refuses or ignores the love of God, there is only one other reality for their lives (18). What is that reality and why should it motivate us to reach people with God's saving love?
- God longs to communicate with everyone. What does this passage teach us are some of the ways He is doing that? How can your testimony add to the power of such a message?

Wednesday **Compelled by Need!** 13-Feb Mark 2.13-17

Jesus was motivated to go to those people who had need of a right relationship with God. What can we learn from Him in this account?

- When Levi threw an introduction party for Jesus to all of his coworkers and friends, Jesus went and was the featured guest. What was the nature of these people whom Jesus befriended?

- What was the reaction of the 'religious people' people of Jesus' day? Why did Jesus ignore their protestations (17)? What should we gather from this as to whom and where we are to share God's love?

Thursday **Compelled by Friendship!** 14-Feb Mark 5.15-20

When God works in your life, there is a deep desire to simply stay close to Jesus and enjoy His company. In this passage we realize that we all have a responsibility when God acts on our behalf.

- What amazing thing happened to this man? What would you do if this was your story?
- When this man wanted to stay with Jesus, he was redirected. What mission did Jesus give the man? What can we learn about the heart and mission Jesus has for each of us once He has rescued us from the chains of our moral and spiritual failures?

Friday **Compelled by Curiosity!** 15-Feb John 3.25-36

When people come to us wondering what our faith relationship is all about, our task is to point them to Jesus. John the Baptizer did just that.

- Being a witness of Jesus is all about God's message of love. What does that mean about who is to be the focus of our testimony (30)? What are the implications of this truth when applied to our life?
- As we tell others about Jesus, how do we focus people on the facts of the message? Looking over the passage (31-36), what facts do you see John sharing that we will want to make sure we tell as well?

Saturday **Compelled by Gratitude!** 16-Feb John 9.20-27

When our lives are transformed by the love, power and presence of God, we can't help but give witness! In the man born blind, Jesus has a raving fan who shares from a deep heart of gratitude.

- Some people are motivated by fear in this life. This is true of the man's parents. What was their fear and how does it reflect so many who refuse to speak up for God in public?
- This man's healing was amazing. Now, out of a grateful heart he is motivated to tell everyone about Jesus. What do you notice about His witness that you would like to have? Ask God for it!