

Daily Devotional Readings
On the topic of Compassion

Monday – Read Luke 19:41-44

- Jesus was saddened that Jerusalem had not responded to His teaching. What will the result be for those in the city?
- When was the last time you wept for someone else? What else did you do for them?
- How can we stay tender and compassionate in a hard/cruel world?
- Practice a random act of compassion today.

Tuesday – Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

- This says we are all apart of the Body. What part do you feel like?
- When you have a toothache, how does the rest of your body respond? How should the rest of the *Body of Christ* respond when one part is in pain? What is the normal response by the Body/church?
- How can you act compassionately to someone in the Body of Christ today?

Wednesday – Read Galatians 6:1-5

- What word best summarizes this passage about our attitude toward others?
- Where is the church doing well in this area, and where is it not?
- How about you? Are you carrying your own load in ministry, compassion, service and relationships? How can you do better?

Thursday – Read 1 John 3:16-20 (not John 3:16, but 1 John 3:16)

- According to these verses, what is the definition of love?
- By this definition, do we say we love others when we really don't? Why, or why not?
- What can you do today to show love to someone you really care about? What can you do today to express the love of God to someone you may not even know?

Friday – Read Luke 10:25-37

- Spend time praying through the characters of this story. Talk to God about when you have been each of these different people. Spend time thanking Him, apologizing and/or making plans to make it right:

The robbers
The injured man
The Priest & Levite
The Samaritan



Weekend of November 24/25, 2007

**Studying the
Book of Jonah**

This Week: Chapter 4

Focus: On Compassion

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Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

4:1 But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord, "O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

4 But the Lord replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

5 Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the Lord God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his dis-

comfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?"

"I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

10 But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"