

The Chosen---Episode 6A
“Indescribable Compassion”

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Prayer

Watch Episode 6 – Part 1 (about 25 min)

Starter questions:

1. What captured your attention most about this part of episode 6?
2. What quote from this episode was the most meaningful or impactful to you, and why?

Table Talk:

1. Compassion was a major theme in this episode.
 - How do you define “compassion?”
 - How did Jesus preach about and show compassion?
 - Do you think there is a difference between compassion, giving, empathy and good will?

2. The Leper (Matthew 8:1-4)
 - A. How was the disciple’s reaction to the leper different than Jesus’? What do you suppose they thought when Jesus approached the leper; when He touched him and when he healed him?

 - B. Leprosy was one of the major diseases in the time of Jesus. It was the sickness that renders a person no longer worthy of dignity, love, or community.
 - Are there any “like” situations in our society today that would cause a person to no longer have dignity?
 - What stigma is attached to that person?
 - How does our present-day society treat them?
 - How do you think Jesus would treat them?

 - C. Like the leper, some people have radical come-to-Jesus moments. Others experience change in their lives over time. Regardless of how fast or slow, Jesus always transforms the lives of His followers. Talk about a time in your life when you saw Jesus transforming you or those around you.

 - D. What’s holding you back from the kind of bold faith the leper had?

3. Matthew and Jesus
 - What do you think of Matthew’s reaction to Jesus?
 - In this episode Peter tries to drive Matthew away because he doesn’t like him. How do you relate to other followers of Christ who are very different from you? Are you able to show Christians different from you that you are “for” them?

Reflection on the Old Testament - Old Covenant vs. the New Covenant

<u>The Abrahamic Covenant</u>	<u>The Mosaic Covenant</u>	<u>The Davidic Covenant</u>	<u>The New Covenant</u>
God promised Abraham and his descendants that they would be a great nation, have a homeland, and be a blessing to the world. Genesis 17:1-21	God promised the Israelites that they would participate in the Abrahamic blessings if they loved God and their neighbors, kept his law and represented him to the world. Exodus 19-24	God promised David and the nation of Israel peace and security with a Davidic descendant ruling as king forever. 2 Samuel 7:1-29; 23:5	God promised His people restored lives with His law internalized in their hearts, with profound knowledge of Him, and with their sins forgiven. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27

1. The Abrahamic, Davidic and New Covenants were unconditional. The Mosaic Covenant was conditional. In the chart (above), underline what God required of the Israelites in the Mosaic covenant in order to secure his blessings.

2. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. In the Mosaic covenant, God wrote His law – the Ten Commandments - on two stone tablets (Exodus 34:1; Deut. 10:1-5). In the New Covenant, God writes His law on our _____.

3. Why do you think Israel's failure to keep the Mosaic Covenant led to God revealing the New Covenant, and what does that tell you about His character?

➤ Next week, 11/28: Episode 6B (continued)