



Buffalo Sermon Questions: Matthew 9:35-38

1. What stood out to you about this passage this week? Anything that you might not have noticed before?
2. What was a moment where you felt gut-punched by compassion for someone, especially someone you didn't really know? What did you wish you could do at that moment?
3. What does it mean that Jesus, the incarnate word of God, felt overwhelmed by the need of the people around him?
4. Look at the beginning of chapter 10 of Matthew's gospel: what does Jesus do next as a response to this feeling of overwhelming compassion? Why do you think that is his response? How should we take his response and apply it to our own lives?

Cityview Sermon Questions: Sermon Text: Mark 3:1-6

1. What stood out to you about this passage this week? Anything that you might not have noticed before?
2. Did you think much about Jesus and his emotions when you were younger? Was he stoic? Was he gregarious? Was he serious-minded? Do any of his emotions surprise you?
3. We often cast the Pharisees as the bad guys in the text, but Jesus did suggest an internal law that can be judged as harder to "keep." What are things we do in following Christ that sometimes can put us in the Pharisees position instead of the man with the withered hand? Are there ways our rules become more important than extending grace?
4. Brandon asked us to consider: What is hardening our hearts? What are things that are making it difficult for us to have compassion on our friends and neighbors? What hardens us to the grace and beauty of the story of God at work in our world?