

Sermon Based Discussion  
Matthew 15:29-39  
'The Compassion and Glory of God'  
4/7/24

The weekly qualifier:

These questions are not meant to be answered exhaustively. The aim is to foster further discussion on God's Word which is rich, full, and inexhaustible. If you only get through one question, yet the conversation is robust and warming to your soul, well done!

1. What were some of the evidences we highlighted that told us this likely was a Gentile, non Jewish crowd? Why did the crowd wonder and praise the God of Israel? What does it mean to wonder or awe?
2. As Faithful Followers, we can often lose our awe and wonder of God. Share with the group a time you've lost that, why you think it happened, and how God pulled you out. What are practical ways we can renew the fresh ways to look upon Jesus?
3. This Gentile crowd had no synagogue, Covenants and Promises, or the Scriptures. How were they able to live as Faithful Followers for the rest of their days? Is it possible to read books, watch videos, and even do devotionals and miss the glory of Christ? How can we see God's glory and continually be changed?
4. Why is the statement of Jesus' compassion and unwillingness to leave the crowds so striking in verse 32? Why are Christians prone to lack compassion and willingly send people away?
5. During the sermon, we discussed the implicit question between the verses (v. 32-33) that Jesus is bringing to light; 'Jesus, you won't give these people the same feast you gave us will you?' Like the disciples, if we are honest, who might we struggle to have affection for? Have you ever not wanted someone to experience God's blessing? Why do we do that?
6. If Jesus brought people to see His glory to they would awe, if He had compassion and was unwilling to send any way, how does this inform how we aim to be like Him? What are practical ways we can show people Jesus' glory and have compassion on people that are different, 'inconvenient, or we don't like?
7. Sometimes we get so caught up and busy in good things, we forget our true mission and purpose in life. How should Jesus' life and mission shape ours? What are replacement missions and purposes we make more important at times? As a group, share one way your unique life and commitments in this season are actually part of God's mission.
8. As a group, pray for creative ways to show Jesus' glory and have compassion on a specific individual who is far from God right now.