

## Welcome Home-Compassion

**Text: Matthew 9:36; Matthew 8:1-4**

**Purpose:** As we continue to learn about how Jesus engaged people, we look at the compassion He demonstrated toward strangers and how His heart insight toward people frees us to extend compassion to others.

**Opening Question:** What ways have you felt welcomed a church past or present?

**Read and Discuss: Matthew 9:36; Matthew 8:1-4**

1. *In Matt. 9:36 Jesus saw people and felt compassion toward them. What was Jesus seeing when He looked at the crowds? What was He thinking? What about their situation moved His heart toward compassion?*
2. *When do you experience compassion toward others?*
3. *In Matthew 8 what could have kept Jesus from not engaging the man with leprosy?*
4. *What are some of the barriers you face when it comes to engaging your heart toward people?*
5. *How does Jesus demonstrate the Kingdom of God by healing this man? What ways can we demonstrate the Kingdom of God to others in our life?*
6. *Why did Jesus tell this man not to talk with anyone about his healing?*