



BEING THE CHURCH

**Consuming
Compassion
Message 4**

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► Outline

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.
1 Corinthians 9:19 (NLT)

A. Introduction.

**(Matthew 5:46-48; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3;
2 Corinthians 5:11-21)**

Being the church requires...

- Living a _____ life.
- Unity in _____.
- _____ to the body.
- _____.

B. Consuming compassion is developed by...

1. Seeking Christ's _____.
**(Matthew 9:36. C/R: Matthew 14:13-21; 20:33-34;
Mark 1:41; 5:19; Luke 7:13)**

2. Remembering my own _____.
**(Romans 5:5-8. C/R: John 10:7-11; Romans 6:23;
2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)**

3. Building intentional _____.
**(1 Corinthians 9:19-23. C/R: Matthew 9:37;
Mark 2:15-17; 1 Peter 3:15-16)**

Engage

Do you have a consuming compassion for others? Spend time reflecting on how compassion is developed. Ask God where your heart needs to be broken for others. Post a picture or text on social media using the hashtag **#AsWeGo** and tag **@BrookwoodChurch** so we can engage with one another.

Answers: **A.** commissioned, community, Contribution, Consuming compassion **B. 1.** heart **2.** brokenness **3.** relationships
Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at biblegateway.com, biblestudytools.com, or bible.com. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

Name one thing you were really excited about doing or being part of last year. Why?

Opening in Prayer

The Law of the LORD is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people. [Psalm 19:7 \(CEV\)](#)

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [1 Corinthians 9:19-27](#).

1. As you read through this passage, what words or phrases seem to jump off the page? Why are those significant to you?
2. What do you think Paul meant when he said he became *a slave to all*? What are some specific examples of things he said and did to help others know Jesus? ([Acts 17](#) is great place to see Paul's heart and approach in reaching people with different backgrounds and beliefs.)
3. Is this testimony of Paul: 1) something we should imitate, 2) something only the apostles did, or 3) something reserved for overseas missionaries who need to adapt to other cultures? How does [1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1](#) inform your response?
4. When it comes to living the Christian life, what does Paul mean when he says *run to win!* What did he *train his body* to do? What's *the prize*?
5. What specific attitudes and actions is God calling us to in [vs. 24-27](#)?

Read [2 Corinthians 5:11-21](#).

6. Again, begin with what strikes you. Take a few minutes and quietly reflect on this passage. What do you sense God saying to you?
7. What does it look like to truly care for another human being based on the teaching of this passage?
8. How can your brokenness be a gift to others?
9. How would you summarize [vs. 18-21](#)?
10. What intentional steps can you take this week to allow God to develop a *consuming compassion* in you?

Soul Training

Oftentimes we don't realize what we have until we lose it. Think of the people closest to you. How would your life be different if they were gone? Ask God to help you more fully love and cherish the people in your life.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 9:35-38](#)

Day 4: [2 Corinthians 5:11-15](#)

Day 2: [Isaiah 49:8-13](#)

Day 5: [Luke 7:11-17](#)

Day 3: [Lamentations 3:19-24](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January 27, we begin an 8-week series on the book of Daniel, titled *Living in a Foreign Land*. To prepare for the first message, read the entire book of [Daniel](#) (or at least the first chapter). *We're planning for a great series!*