

“COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE”

Series: “THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”, Part 5 of 8
Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 5:7

Big Idea: The character traits God is building in us are meant to be expressed through us in kindness, mercy and compassion.

Matthew 5:7, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

1 John 4:20, “If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.”

I. COMPASSION AS A CHARACTER TRAIT.

Ezekiel 36:26-27, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

II. COMPASSION AS A LIFESTYLE CHOICE.

Matthew 5:7, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Ephesians 4:32, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

1 John 3:17, “If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?”

Proverbs 29:7, “The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.”