

## Bible Study 7 - Amazing compassion - Mark 6:30-56

Before someone can be compassionate, they must understand how another person feels. This is called empathy. It's thinking about things like how would it feel to be homeless, to be hungry, to be friendless or how would it feel when there is unemployment, financial difficulty, serious illness, serious injury, divorce, death or tragedy. Compassion is a loving followup to empathy. It's showing concern, understanding, listening, caring, helping and giving. It's hugs, apologies and forgiveness. The Dalai Lama is said to be a hero of compassion. Today we look at some examples of Jesus' empathy and compassion.

### ***PART 1 Read Mark 6:30-56***

Reporting (v.30-32)	What happened when Jesus & the disciples needed rest (v.33-34)?
Food provided (v.33-44)	How did Jesus empathise with these people (v.34)? What was their need?
Wind calmed (v. 45-52)	How did Jesus empathise with the disciples (v.48)? What was their need?
More healing (v.53-56)	How did Jesus empathise with these people? What was their need?

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What I learnt about Jesus Christ.***

***2. What I learnt about people like us.***

***3. What aspects of our sinful nature does the passage address? Why was it written?***

***4. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. How can we develop empathy and compassion towards others?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

God is compassionate. He knows our needs and will care for them. Are we compassionate?

