

Series: #Struggles
Sermon: Compassion
February 5, 2017

1. Do you want the Atlanta Falcons or the New England Patriots to win the Super Bowl? Do you consider yourself a "real" fan or are you a fan, who has jumped on the bandwagon?
2. How would you rate your compassion to those who are not as well off as you are? How would you rate your compassion towards people you know?
3. Are you more empathetic now than you were 10 years ago? Do you believe our society is more or less empathetic than it was 10 years ago? Why?
4. These 3 problems were mentioned due to social media:
 - A. The more we obsess about ourselves, the less we empathize with others.
 - B. Overexposure to pain is desensitizing us.
 - C. The more people interact on line, the less they interact face to face.

Which one of these effects of social media causes you the greatest problem in being desensitized and less compassionate?

5. Read Matthew 14:13-21.
 - A. How did the disciples feel about the crowds of people?
 - B. How did Jesus feel about the crowds?
6. Read 1 John 3:16-18. What does compassion really mean for a Jesus follower?
7. Share a time when someone showed you compassion? What did they say or do that was meaningful to you?
8. When is the last time you gave a substantial amount of time or money to a person or a cause?
9. What is an action you can take to becoming a more compassionate Jesus follower?