Luke 13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to

her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!

* **Can we care for someone who opposes us?**

Luke 19:41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it,

* **Are we moved when we see someone facing destruction?**

 Luke 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are

doing."

* **Can we care for someone who harms us?**

Matthew 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed

and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.

* **Do we have compassion for those who do not know God?**

Matthew 14:13-14

13 Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick.

* **Do we have compassion only when our priorities allow?**

Matthew 15:32 And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the

people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way."

* **Do we concern ourselves with the needs of others?**

Matthew 20:29-34

29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. 30 And two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" 31 The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" 32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 33 They said to Him, "Lord, we want our eyes to be opened." 34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

Mark 1:40-41

40 And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

* **Does our compassion move us to help others?**

Luke 7:12-15

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

* **Are we empathetic?**

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses,

but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

* **Are we compassionate to or judgmental of someone sins who commits a sin we do not?**

Acts 2:41-47

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

* **Do we individually and corporately look to the needs of others?**

James 2:15-16

15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?

* **Does the compassion Jesus had for us in our sin lead us to be compassionate to others?**

1 Peter 3:8-9

8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; 9 not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

* **Does our compassion lead us to be a blessing to others?**