

# Known For Love

## Heal The Sick (Week 1)

LifeNotes

### TALK IT OVER

#### Main Idea

**We begin to heal the sickness of division when we are known for love.**

#### Key Scriptures

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:34-35 NLT

Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, "Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart." Matthew 12:25 NLT

As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:13-14 NLT

**Love sees broken souls Jesus was willingly broken for.**

#### We begin to heal division when:

1. We see the needs of others.
2. Compassion is our first response.
3. We move toward others.

#### Start talking.

- What is your current job description?
- How does that help you?
- Read John 13:34-35. What is the job description of a follower of Jesus?

#### Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 12:25. Why is division so bad? Why is it particularly bad in the Kingdom of Heaven, among believers? What happens to a family that is divided?
- Read Matthew 14:13-14. What news had Jesus just heard? How did that news impact him and his followers? What did Jesus want to do?
- Why was he able to see the crowds?
- In the midst of His own hurt and exhaustion, why did he have compassion?
- Play out the literal actions of Jesus in your mind. He sees them, has compassion on them, then what does he do?

He begins in a boat. Where does he end up? Couldn't he have healed them from the boat? Why didn't he? What example is he setting for us?

#### Start sharing.

- How have followers of Jesus become divided recently?
- What drives those divisions?
- How have you felt a pull toward division?
- What may need to change internally for you to more fully be known for love?

#### Start doing.

- Pray that God would open your eyes to see the needs of others this week.
- Ask God to stir you with compassion as you see needs.
- What practical ways can you move toward others this week?
- Sign up for serving in our community by following this link:  
<https://harborchurchco.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1004101>

#### Closing prayer.

Jesus, thank you for loving us! Thank you for seeing us in all of our circumstances and choosing to love us with compassion. Help us do the same. Forgive us for the big and small ways we have allowed division to take root. Help us through your grace and Spirit to heal the sickness of division. Help us to be known for love.