

What Would Jesus Undo?

Indifference (Week 1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Indifference is undone when we show love and compassion for just one person.

Key Scriptures

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3

A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" He said. Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Luke 7:12-15

I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. John 5:19

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Acts 3:6

We need to undo what's been done to make space for what is needed.

Indifference is a small worm, which is able to destroy a large tree.

Steps to overcoming indifference:

1. Lean into the One.

The more time we spend with God the more we will see others through His eyes.

2. Lean into one.

Don't lose the needs of the individual in your perceived service to the crowd.

Start talking.

- How does our connection to seemingly infinite information result in indifference?
- Joel shared this quote from Bodie Thoene, "Apathy is the glove into which evil slips its hand." How have you seen that proven true?
- How does the intensity of the needs around us lead to "bystander apathy"?

Start thinking.

- Read John 3:3. How does being "born again" connect with being undone?
- Read Luke 7:12-15. What led to Jesus being filled with compassion?
- Why did no one else in the crowd or among the Disciples respond to the need of the widow?
- Read John 5:19. How was Jesus able to see what the Father was doing?
- Read Acts 3:6. Why did Peter notice this beggar when no one else seemed to?

Start sharing.

- How are you lured in to indifference?
- How might intentional time with God impact your indifference towards the needs of others?
- Who is that one person the Father keeps putting in front of you?

Start doing.

- Set aside 5 minutes each day this week to be still, listen to God, and invite Him to give you peace.
- What is one specific need for one person you will lean into this week?

Closing prayer.

Dear Father, I admit that often the amount and intensity of the needs around me leave me overwhelmed and often result in my indifference and apathy. Help me to set aside more time with you in my week that I might begin to know your heart and see others as you see them. Reveal the individuals you would have me lean towards and let me trust the outcome.