

Less Me

Week 3: Jesus' Humble Work

Weekly Summary: Jesus didn't rule from a kingly throne. Nor did he study in a scholar's office. Instead our Savior got dirty amongst the sick, sinful, and needy. Why would Jesus choose such humble work?

- ◆ Matthew 4:23-25 - Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

- ◆ John 4:34 - "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

- ◆ Matthew 9:36 - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- ◆ Matthew 14:14 - When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- ◆ Matthew 15:32 - Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

- ◆ Matthew 20:34 - Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Jesus thought of himself less so that others might be blessed.

- ◆ John 17:1-5 - "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began."

The point: Jesus' humble work makes me blessed.

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Points to Ponder

1. One of the most difficult places to be humble is at work - from believing a certain job is beneath you to the frustration that comes from dealing with others. What role does pride have in making humbleness so difficult? What one take away from Jesus' "you first" humble mindset do you want to remember and imitate?
2. Read Psalm 103. List at least three examples of God's compassion and how it has blessed you spiritually or personally.
3. Reread 2 Corinthians 1:3,4. In what ways has Jesus' humble work comforted you? What example from Jesus' life gives you comfort when you are hurting, grieving, or in need? How might that comfort help you comfort others when they are hurting?

Homework For Next Week: Philippians 2:1-10 & Matthew 5:1-12