



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Loving the Lost	SPEAKER	Pastor Gary Koh
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

If you had to choose between sacrificing a bunch of people who are God-haters and evil doers versus an innocent child – who would you choose to sacrifice? Ps Gary Koh used this analogy and shared how God sacrificed his one and only son, Jesus, in order to save the underserving people and the lost.

God's heart is for his people and the lost, so how can we love like He does?

HOW DO WE LOVE THE LOST?

1) SEE as Jesus sees

Referencing Mark 6:34, "When Jesus landed and **saw** the large crowd...because they were like sheep without a shepherd", Jesus saw the lostness of men and a vacuum in their hearts that only God can fill. Similarly, Jesus also sees our pain, anguish and suffering.

Ps Gary shared how sometimes we can go through life just focusing on ourselves without "seeing" the people around us. And in order for us to love the lost, we need to see people the way Jesus does.

We need to pray and ask the Lord to help us see the way Jesus sees the lost.

2) FEEL as Jesus feels

In Mark 6:34, when Jesus saw the crowd, he had **compassion** on them – We need to have compassion for the lost. Across scripture, Jesus always **feels** for the people and had compassion on them (Luke 7:13, Matthew 9:36, Matthew 15:32, Matthew 20:34)

We need to pray for the stirring of our hearts to feel the way Jesus feels towards his people and have compassion for them.

3) DO as Jesus does

Ps Gary shared that compassion without action is wasted emotion. Jesus saw the large crowd, he felt compassion towards them and he **began teaching them many things** (Mark 6:34).

Often, we become calculative when we are asked to do things, and then we start justifying the reasons for doing so. Eventually, we end up not doing anything at all. Similar to the parable of five loaves of bread and two fish, in order to love the lost, sometimes we just need to present whatever little resources we have and let Jesus multiply them.

Consider what are the five loaves and two fish we have. Are we able to bless others with whatever resources that we have? It could be as simple as praying for someone or writing a note for them.

Bring yourself before the Lord and ask Him to use you to love the lost with the resources that you have.

CONCLUSION

God loves the lost – Ask God today to help you view the lost in the way Jesus does, to feel compassion the way Jesus feels and to do something for the lost today.

QUESTIONS

1. When faced with the impossible task of feeding the huge crowd of 5,000 people, compare and contrast how Jesus viewed the crowd versus how the disciples saw the crowd. How would you feel if you were one of the disciples present and Jesus had asked you to “feed them”?

2. What are the resources that God has given to you and what are the circles of influences you have? How can these be sown and used to bring the hope and love of the gospel to those around you?

3. Is there someone or a certain group of people that you are uncomfortable with but God has put a spotlight on them in your heart this season? How can you exercise compassion towards them?