

## **Intimacy**

### Part 2 – View from the Bottom

#### **Intro/Review**

Jesus sought out the lost & broken, not the good people

Status & sense of superiority will keep you from experiencing the grace & love of God

#### **Bad to Worse**

Matthew 12:1-21

1-8 breaking 1 of 10

3-5 needs of people over law

7-8 compassion not sacrifice

6 & 8 Jesus is greater than Sabbath/Temple

The mission of compassion is greater than elements of religious observance

9-14 Jesus applies the lesson

12 – love people top priority

15-21 Matthew's commentary

Jesus came to win, not fight

gentle to bring hope to lost

A Different View of those at the bottom

Luke 6:35-37 enemies-mercy; pardon not judgement

John 3:16-17 love, not to condemn but to save

Ezekiel 18:23 & 32 No pleasure in lost

2 Peter 3:9 Patient, not wanting people to perish

This is opposite to how we think

Therefore we also don't expect to be viewed with compassion

But GOD - Jonah 4

v. 2 Jonah knew what God was like

v. 11 Compassion on a terrible enemy

The story of Jonah is not for Jonah, but for God's people

God's manifesto:

"I desire compassion, I declare compassion

The Good News is the message of God's compassion

Acts 26:16-18 to turn people from darkness

#### **Application**

How do you really see "bad" people?

It will reveal how you think God sees you.

When in a bad spot, do you think God is upset? Do you understand His compassion? John 3:16-17

Do you see "Ninevah" like Jonah or God?

If you are "away", this is how you should see God, eager to save.