

# Beyond Compassion

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1. Read Matt. 9: 9-13 and describe the kinds of people with whom Jesus was spending quality time. Who would be their modern-day equivalents?
  
2. Why was this act of eating supper with these people such a big deal?
  
3. Pastor Steve said that our modern churches tend to be pretty good at piety, orthodoxy, development of the Christian mind. We pursue truth and righteousness. That sounds pretty good. Where is the problem in all of that?
  
4. Describe the four steps that a church can ascend as they grow and mature in faith in an attempt to move beyond mere piety.
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  - b)
  - c)
  - d)
  
5. Why is it often necessary to do these steps in sequence?
  
6. In an effort to expand or enhance their ministries, churches tend to get caught up in “feature creep”. What does that term mean and why is it not
  
7. What is the difference between “mission” and “mandate”? How do we as Christians and as a church find each of these?

8. How did Pastor Steve describe our mandate from God? Does that make sense to you?

9. Given where your relationship with God now stands, where are you on the five-run ladder? What could you do to move up and move out – mature to the next level while also reaching out to others?