

Compassion is Complicated

The starting point for Christian interaction with the world is compassion, not complexity

- **Examine** the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

The starting point for demonstrating compassion is first understanding that we are unworthy recipients of God's love (1 John 4:19)

- **Apply** these questions to the following passages:
 - Where is the complexity?
 - Where is the compassion?
 - What would have been the easy way out?
 - What happened instead?
 - Hosea 1 & 4
 - Deuteronomy 7:7-9
 - Deuteronomy 9:4-6
 - Romans 5:8
- **Take a few minutes to apply the questions above to some area of your life.**
- **How does the fact that God does not shy away from the messiness of your life inform the way you see/treat others?**