

COMPELLED TO CARE

*1 Peter 2:21 (nkjv) For to this you were **called**, because Christ also **suffered** for us, leaving us an example, that you should **follow** His steps.*

Gk: ‘called’ is “**kaleo.**”

To be destined, summoned, commissioned to a divine purpose.

Jesus suffered death so we can live to follow His example.

A passion for Jesus creates in us a passion for the lost, sick, poor and the needy.

Luke 4:18 (niv) The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed.

Luke 19:10 (niv) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

How we respond matters deeply to the poor, needy, marginalised and to Jesus.

Global Child Poverty Facts (Estimated)

- 3.1 million children die from poor nutrition each year (UNICEF)

- 356 million children around the world live in extreme poverty and forced to survive on less than aud\$2.70 a day. (*UNICEF*)
- 260 million children do not go to school (*World Bank*)
- 152 million children between 5 - 17 are engaged in child labour. (*ILO*)
- 1.2 million children are trafficked globally each year. (*ILO*)
- 152 million in the world are orphans. (*UNICEF*)
- 250,000 children have been armed and are actively fighting in more than 20 countries. (*Their World*)
- 11% of the world's population are without access to an improved water supply. (*CDC*)
- 25% of the world's population are without access to adequate sanitation. (*CDC*)

Where we live should not determine **IF** we live but it does determine **HOW** we live!

What should our response be to help those in need who can't help themselves?

CULTIVATING COMPASSIONATE HEARTS.

Jesus was a man of compassion.

Jesus was compelled to care and to act with healing, grace and mercy.

People knew Jesus saw beyond their label.

Psalms 147:3 He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

Jesus built a community which was inclusive and not exclusive, a community motivated by love, hope and faith.

This is how the Church can be attractive – **by being Jesus to the world!**

BIG IDEA: Missions is not what we *DO*, it is *WHO* we are!