God’s Great Big Love in Compassion

Jonah 4

Jonah 4:1-11

“The older became angry and refused to go in. So, his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat, so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!” Luke 15:28

“When they received it, their wage, they began to grumble against the landowner. These men who were hired last worked only one hour, they said, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work in the heat of the day.” Matthew 20:11

1. God’s Compassion through Caring

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:28-29

“Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

2. God Compassion through Correction

3. God’s Compassion for the Crowds and the Cows

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

“When we were God’s enemies we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son. Romans 5:10

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9
So as we head home today, who are the crowds in your life and how do we apply this passage?

1. Take your cares to HIM
2. Soften your heart to the things of God
3. Don’t lose focus of what’s important.
4. Get to know the people around you
5. Reach out to the Ninevites in your area