

“Have Mercy!”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader: Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. <p>Getting To Know You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before hearing Steve’s sermon on Sunday, what were your thoughts on whether Christians should judge others or not, and why? • Did anything change in your perspective after hearing this sermon? 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corinthians 5:12 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the classic chapter on church discipline. In response to sexual sin within the church that the church is celebrating and not repenting of, Paul gives the Corinthians these words. • How does this square with Jesus’ words in Luke 6:37? <p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galatians 6:1 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does Paul tell us is the goal of judging sinful behavior within the church? What is his warning to us?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 6:36-42 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though our bibles create a section break between verses 36 and 37, why it is important for us to read verses 37-42 in light of what it says in verse 36? • What are the definitions of Justice? Mercy? Grace? • How should “mercy” factor in to our judgment of others? 	<p>Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Grace people” make the error of never judging sin. “Truth people” make the error of judging every sin. • What is the biblical message to us from both Jesus’ words and Paul’s words about what and how we are to judge? • How has God shown mercy to you in His judgment of you? • How should that inform the way we judge others? • If you struggle as a “grace person” or as a “truth person”, how can this group help you become a “biblical person” when it comes to this topic, so that we all look more like Jesus? <p>Memorize: Galatians 6:1</p>