



BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL Matthew 5:7

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1. How has God been merciful to you? Share with your group at least five ways that God has shown you mercy.

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2. Many Christians believe that if we do good things (such as be merciful), then God will return goodness to us. Read Ephesians 2:8–9 & Luke 17:7–10. What do these verses say to this belief?
3. Read Luke 7:36–50. How does this story illustrate Matthew 5:7? Who are the merciful ones? Who is receiving mercy?
4. Read Matthew 18:21–35. How does this story talk about mercy? According to Jesus, what do we risk if we refuse to be merciful in the same way that God has been merciful to us?
5. What keeps us from being merciful? Think of a time when you knew you should extend mercy but you refused. Why did you refuse? How does the gospel confront that reason?
6. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37), Jesus paints a vivid picture of mercy in action, then commands us to do likewise. Read this story. How much does it cost the Samaritan to be merciful? How much are you willing to sacrifice in order to be merciful to those around you?

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7. As kingdom citizens, God has given us great mercy. As such, it is our duty to extend mercy to others. Who in your life do you least want to be merciful toward? Write down at least one name. Then pray for each one, asking God to show you how He wants you to be merciful to them. Then go out and do this.