



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 5 – THE MERCIFUL

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Matthew 5:6-7, 18:21-35, 25:34-46; Ephesians 2:4-5

KEY NOTES

Each Beatitude _____ on the Beatitude that _____ it.

Righteousness is the _____ for justice.

Genuine _____ goes beyond feeling and into action.

Mercy is the _____ of _____.

Mercy in the present _____ mercy in the end.

BIG IDEA

To be “blessed” is to _____ not to deliver what is _____.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

DIGGING IN

Read Matthew 9:9-13

1. Compare/contrast mercy and sacrifice.
2. What role does sacrifice play in showing mercy?
3. Share a time when you were a receiver *and* a giver of mercy.
4. Which of these times was easier to think of/speak about? Why?
5. What within our hearts stimulates our desire to withhold mercy?
6. How do we develop pity towards those who have wronged us?
7. Where in your sphere of life is mercy most needed?

DIGGING DEEPER

Spurgeon, Charles. *The Beatitudes*. Whitaker House: 2012.