

Sermon: The merciful

Matthew 5:7

God commands us to have mercy

Mercy means to _____.

1. Have mercy on those whom _____.

2. Have mercy to those whom _____.

This includes _____.

The one who hurts you _____.

3. Have mercy on those whom _____.

Mercy is a _____.

Matthew 9:12-13

The world needs mercy

Mercy is needed by _____.

1 Peter 4:8

Mercy is needed by _____.

Ephesians 4:2

Mercy is needed by _____.

Jude 1:22-23

Mercy is needed by _____.

Ephesians 4:31-32

You need mercy

If you want mercy from God, _____.

James 2:13, Matthew 18:32-35

Bible study: The merciful

Getting to know you

1. Last Sunday's sermon was on mercy. Is there anything about the sermon you would like to discuss in your small group?
2. Are you a compassionate person or does mercy come hard to you? Why?

Going deeper

3. Read Luke 10:25-29. It says here that this man was testing Jesus and Jesus just turned the question back to him. Why do you think he asked the follow-up question, "Who is my neighbor?"
3. Read 2 Kings 6:15-23. God says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay" (Dt. 32:35). Knowing that God has mighty armies of angels to protect his followers, how should this help us to live with meekness?

4. Read Luke 10:30-37. What is extraordinary about what the Samaritan did for the robbery victim?

5. Jesus told his questioner that he should go and do likewise. What are the barriers to showing this kind of mercy?

6. How can we overcome the barriers to showing mercy?

Putting it into practice

7. Who do you need to show mercy to this week? If you can share without violating any confidence, what situation is God calling you to address?