

#Blessed—Blessed are Those Who Are Merciful

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“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

Matthew 5:7 (NLT)

Actions:

1. _____ **mercy.**

2. _____ **Mercy.**

3. _____ **Mercy.**

Results:

1. **Mercy reduces** _____.

2. **Mercy reduces** _____.

Connecting people to Jesus through intentional relationships with one another.

Small Group Discussion Opportunities

Discuss these questions together:

1. Consider the definition shared on Sunday. Mercy - compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.
2. Share a time in your life where you have experienced mercy from another person (not your salvation experience). How did this experience impact you?
3. Share a time where you displayed mercy to another person. (This may be difficult for some of us to discuss. Dig a little and risk some vulnerability with your group.) How did this experience impact you?
4. Which of these two experiences was easier for you to discuss? What do you think made one easier to discuss and one more difficult to discuss?
5. Think in practical terms. What would help you keep the mercy you have received from God more present in your conscious thought process to influence you to offer more mercy to others?

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Prayer Focus: Community Agencies

SCF has twelve agencies in our community who we support monthly with our time, talents and resources. These twelve agencies serve all types of needs from clothing for the homeless and dental work, to helping folks out of abusive relationships or addiction.

This month join us as we pray for our local partners:

- Pray that each organization will have enough resources to sustain their programs
- Pray for an abundance of volunteer support
- Pray for patience and kindness as they engage with people in hard situations
- Pray that they be a light in the darkness and offer hope

Get more info on these agencies at the Connect Corner.