

**BE HAPPY | WEEK FIVE | BE MERCIFUL**  
**PASTOR MATT BENSON**

**MEETING OUTLINE**

- 10min - Arrival & Welcome
- 15min – Food/Connection/Ice Breaker Questions
- 30min - Discussion Time
- 10min - Prayer, Next Steps, & Dismissal

**ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS**

1. What smell triggers nostalgia for you?
2. What is your biggest accomplishment?
3. What weird food combination do you enjoy?

**MESSAGE POINTS**

Mercy: An action of unexpected love and compassion extended to someone undeserving.

Three lessons from Jesus on Mercy:

1. Mercy sees the bigger picture.
2. Mercy does something now.
3. Mercy brings new life.

**SCRIPTURE**

- Matthew 5:7
- Ephesians 2:4-5
- John 8:4-5
- Romans 12:1
- John 8:7
- John 8:10-11

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What stood out to you most in this weekend's message?
2. How do you feel you do with giving mercy? Is it a gift you possess? Or is it a gift you would like to receive more of to provide it generously?
3. Pastor Matt talked about how mercy is an action in Sunday's message. How do you demonstrate God's kindness even when someone doesn't deserve it?
4. Have you ever been able to see the bigger picture due to the mercy that was either extended to you or by you to another person?
5. Is there a relationship in your life that is dying and could use a reset with mercy? If so, share with the group how you can extend mercy this week. If not, give an example where someone showed you mercy.

**NEXT STEPS**

- September 6 - First Wednesday
- September 10 – Serve 201
- September 10 - Fall Semester Small Groups Launch
- September 17 - Grace Kids Next Step Class
- September 24 - Baptism