

Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 2, 2025

Matthew 5:7 – Joy in Showing Mercy

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time someone showed you mercy.
- How did their mercy make you feel about that person?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

Mercy reflects the heart of God, extends forgiveness, meets real needs, and works hand-in-hand with justice.

DIGGING IN

1) Mercy reflects the heart of God

READ – Luke 6:35-26

- How is this teaching of Jesus different than what our world teaches us?

2) Mercy extends forgiveness

READ – James 2:13

- What is the danger of not showing mercy?
- What causes people to not want to forgive?

3) Mercy meets practical needs

- How can “busyness” hurt our willingness to show mercy to people?

4) Mercy and justice work together

READ – Micah 6:8

- How is it possible to all 3 of those things mentioned in Micah 6:8?
- Explain these quotes that Pastor Nate shared...
 - ***“Mercy does not erase judgment, it redeems it.”***
 - ***“Joy comes when the mercy we’ve received becomes the mercy we extend.”***

READ – Matthew 5:7

- Is it possible you are waiting on some mercy you won’t receive until you show mercy to someone?

READ – Psalm 103:10-18

- How is God’s mercy described in those verses?
- How have you seen the modern Christian church forget this?

Pastor Nate’s encouragement for us all to complete this week...

- 1) Forgive one person
- 2) Meet a practical need for someone
- 3) Speak a loving merciful word to someone

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Take some time each week to share prayer requests and praise reports.

Have someone in your group record these prayer requests and email them out to the whole group to be praying for each other throughout the week.

Close with a time of prayer.