



BLESSED BEATITUDES

Exploring Jesus' Vision For The Blessed Life



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

SARDINIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SESSION 6: Blessed Are The Merciful

LEADER NOTES:

- *Consider opening and closing your session in prayer (including requests at some point). Also consider opening your session in ice breakers of some kind.*
- *Main Idea: Jesus calls us to be merciful.*
- *Jesus uses a “measure for measure” teaching that is common among Rabbi’s of his time during his teaching on mercy. A more detailed example of this kind of teaching is found in Luke 6:37-38.*
- *Mercy is regularly paired with justice all throughout Scriptures teachings. They were a pair as much as righteousness and justice.*
- *Biblical mercy involves loyal love, a costly compassion and immense amounts of grace.*



SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



SESSION 6: Group Question Guide

1. What does Jesus mean by “the merciful”? How is that different from how we naturally think about mercy?
2. How is mercy different than just being nice?
3. Where have you experienced God’s mercy in your life, and what did it do in you?
4. What happens in a person when they forget they’ve received mercy?
5. Why do you think Jesus connects receiving mercy with giving mercy?
6. Who is hardest for you to show mercy toward and why?
7. How do we show mercy without ignoring justice or enabling harm?
8. Where might God be calling you to show mercy right now? What would that look like this week?

