



MANNA CHURCH HAWAII - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

July 5, 2026 | Blessed: Summer in the Beatitudes - "Blessed Are The Merciful"

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: If there were an Olympic event for making awkward mistakes, what would you win a gold medal in?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Jesus continues the Beatitudes by saying, **"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."** (Matthew 5:7). Mercy is choosing compassion over condemnation and forgiveness over revenge, even when someone deserves the consequences of their actions. Before we can extend mercy to others, we must first recognize how much we need God's mercy ourselves. Jesus builds each Beatitude upon the last. As we grow in humility, become honest about our brokenness, surrender to God, and hunger for His righteousness, our hearts become more aware of the incredible mercy He has already shown us. (Matthew 5:3-7)

The story of the woman caught in adultery reminds us that Jesus never ignored sin, but He always led with mercy. While everyone else saw her failure, Jesus saw someone who needed grace and a new beginning. He didn't excuse her sin, but He also didn't condemn her. Instead, He offered forgiveness and invited her into transformation. In the same way, every one of us has fallen short and stands in need of God's mercy. His mercy is not something we earn, but a gift we receive every day. **His mercies are new every morning**, and because we have been forgiven so much, we can begin to see people through the same lens of compassion that Jesus does. (John 8:1-11, Lamentations 3:22-23)

Receiving God's mercy should naturally change the way we treat others. Mercy is not weakness, ignoring sin, or pretending people never hurt us. Mercy is choosing to trust God with justice instead of taking matters into our own hands. Jesus calls us to **"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."** (Luke 6:36). As we spend time with Him, He transforms our hearts so mercy becomes part of who we are, not just something we occasionally do. The more we experience His mercy, the more we are able to forgive, love, and extend grace to others. That is where true freedom and lasting fulfillment are found.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. Why do you think people often find it easier to judge others than to offer compassion? Have you ever been thankful someone showed you mercy when you messed up?
3. How has regularly remembering God's mercy changed the way you respond to people who disappoint or hurt you?
4. How has remembering God's mercy changed the way you respond to people who disappoint or hurt you? This week, who is one person God may be asking you to show mercy to through forgiveness, patience, encouragement, or a simple act of kindness? What's one practical step you can take?

PRAYER: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

Father, thank You for Your incredible mercy that meets us in our brokenness and reminds us that we are forgiven, loved, and made new through Jesus. Help us to extend the same mercy You have shown us by choosing forgiveness, compassion, and grace, even when it is difficult. Let our lives reflect Your mercy so that our families, friends, neighbors, and community would experience the hope, freedom, and love that can only be found in You. Amen.



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MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

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MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Jesus continues the Beatitudes by saying, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7). Mercy means choosing kindness instead of getting even, and forgiveness instead of holding a grudge. It's showing compassion even when someone doesn't deserve it. Before we can show mercy to others, we first need to remember how much mercy God has shown us. Every one of us has made mistakes, fallen short, and needed forgiveness. As we grow closer to Jesus, we begin to understand just how much He has forgiven us, and that changes the way we treat other people. (Matthew 5:3-7)

The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us what God's mercy looks like. While everyone else focused on her mistakes, Jesus saw someone who needed grace, forgiveness, and a fresh start. He didn't pretend her sin didn't matter, but He also didn't shame or reject her. Instead, He offered her hope and invited her to live differently. God does the same for us. His mercy is a gift we receive every single day. Whether we've messed up at school, hurt a friend, argued with family, or made a poor decision, God's mercy reminds us that our mistakes don't have the final word. (John 8:1-11, Lamentations 3:22-23)

When we truly understand God's mercy, it changes how we respond to people around us. Instead of being quick to judge classmates, teammates, siblings, or friends, we learn to be patient, forgiving, and compassionate. Mercy doesn't mean pretending people never hurt us or that wrong choices don't matter. It means trusting God to handle justice while we choose love. Jesus tells us to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36). The more we experience His mercy, the more we become people who encourage others, forgive more quickly, and reflect Jesus wherever we go.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. Why do you think it's often easier to judge people for their mistakes instead of showing them grace?
Have you ever been thankful someone showed you mercy when you messed up?
3. How can remembering God's mercy change the way you respond when a friend, classmate, teammate, sibling, or parent disappoints or hurts you?
4. Who is one person God may be asking you to show mercy to this week? This week, choose one practical way to show mercy by forgiving someone, encouraging a friend, being patient with a family member, including someone who feels left out, or showing kindness to someone who may be having a hard time.

PRAYER: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

Father, thank You for loving us and showing us mercy every day. Help us forgive others the way You have forgiven us and choose kindness, patience, and compassion at home, at school, on our teams, and with our friends. Let our lives help others experience the hope, grace, and love that can only be found in Jesus. Amen.

Summer Challenge: Don't do this summer alone. Join a small group and build relationships.
Let's grow deeper in our relationship with God and others this summer as we study The Beatitudes together.

Matthew 5:7 ESV *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."*

1. _____ Our Need for His Mercy

If we are not _____, _____ over our sin, and _____ to God, we will never fully understand mercy.

2. _____ His Mercy

Psalms 90:14: *"O satisfy us early with your mercy, that we may rejoice all our days."*

Mercy _____ eventually becomes mercy _____

3. _____ His Mercy

When we _____ mercy, we _____ ourselves of the blessing God desires for us.

Luke 6:36: *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

We cannot _____ while carrying _____

Reflection

How can you choose to accept God's mercy daily?

How will you display God's mercy to others?

Who is God asking you to demonstrate that mercy to?

Discussion Guide/Going Deeper



Growth Track



Sign up for Serve Sunday!

