

Sermon Discussion Questions

Ephesians: Rich In Mercy – Kim May

26 October 2025

Sermon Text: Ephesians 2:1-5

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week Pastor Kim May continues our sermon series in Ephesians. In his message this week entitled, **Rich In Mercy**, Pastor Kim explores mercy and grace and how a true understanding of these concepts helps us understand the gravity of our sin, but also the great love of God. Let's dive in and explore the rich mercy of God and then how we are to live as Christ and show mercy to others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to take some time to see what walls you have built up in your life. Were there any walls the Holy Spirit identified? Did you pray and ask God to help you tear them down? Please share with your group.
2. What is something that really jumped out to you from Pastor Kim's message?
3. What are three ways in which we are spiritually dead? What does it mean to you that even though you were spiritually dead, Christ died for you?
4. In his message, Kim shared a statistic that said 50% of adults in America believe they will go to heaven if they do good deeds. (This percentage goes up to 70% for those of the Catholic faith). How does this differ from what the bible says? Better yet, what does the bible say?
5. The deeper we go into God's mercy, the more we understand how offensive our sin is to God. How should this understanding of mercy affect how we live our lives? How does this line up with Paul's teaching in Romans 6?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite Halloween candy?
2. What is your least favorite Halloween candy?
3. What is one of your favorite quotes?

6. Sometimes grace and mercy get mixed up. According to Pastor Kim, what is grace? Can you give some examples from the bible of grace?

What is mercy? Can you think of any examples of mercy in the bible?

7. Many times, when talking about grace and mercy, the consequence of sin is overlooked. The consequences of sin are not left up to us. Great mercy and grace can be bestowed, but consequences of our sin remain. What do you think of that? Can you think of any examples of how consequences of sin might remain even after receiving grace and mercy?

8. What are two ways we can be rich in mercy?

APPLICATION

It is sometimes difficult for us to be rich in mercy. It goes against the way of the world for us to show mercy instead of retaliating. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is someone who needs to receive mercy from you. Maybe there is someone you are retaliating against, and God is asking you to live like Christ and show mercy.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Selah Saturday, 9:00-11:00am, 1 November. New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. For more information, go to: New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO.

Baptisms. 9:00 and 11:00 am, 9 November. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+s5f8n6t>

Baptism class will be held between services at 10:30 on 2 November.

FINAL THOUGHT

Mercy is the deepest part of God's love.