

Key Scriptures Passage	Questions for Reflecting and Group Discussion
<p>Matthew 5:1-7 Luke 10: 25-37</p> <p>Mercy is Crucial</p> <p>Group Values: <u>Authenticity</u> – Be honest. As you share together, learn to build trust with one another. <u>Accountability</u> – Give permission for others to ask you questions about your life. <u>Safety</u> – NO gossip. However, if someone is in danger, putting someone in danger, or through their inaction causing a person to be in danger then it must be reported.</p>	<p>Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has there been a time in your life when you desperately needed relief? Who did you go to or what did you do? • What about this message challenged you? What seemed to really hit home for you? <p>Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Matthew 5:1-7 • How would you have defined mercy before this message? What do you think of the idea of being merciful as a command to follow Jesus? <p>Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Luke 10: 25-37 • Who is the person who is like the Samaritan in your life? That is, who is the person you might pause to show mercy to? Why? • Nate said that Mercy is Real Love. Real Love is putting others first. What do you have to say “no” to in order to be merciful? • It’s impossible, sometimes unhealthy, to help everyone – or even one person in some circumstances. How will you know when to act in Mercy? <p>Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.</p> <p><i>God, I believe that you are the God of all eternity. I believe that Jesus is your Son, who lived, died, rose, lives, and reigns with you. I trust in His power over death and His work on the cross for my Life. Grow my desperation for you as I obey you. Amen</i></p> <p>Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider how you could use you strength to serve the church family or the people in the community you live in such as PiN, Agape Food Ministries, or The Giving Garden.

