

The Heart of a Kingdom Disciple

October 11, 2026 | Matthew 5:7-9 | Pastor Daniel Torres

Sermon Outline

1. A Merciful Heart — Mercy Toward Others
2. A Pure Heart — Purity Before God
3. A Peacemaking Heart — Peacemaking in Our Relationships

Main Idea

Jesus forms disciples whose hearts reflect His kingdom through mercy toward others, purity before God, and peacemaking in their relationships.

Leader's Note

Choose the questions that best fit your group and the time available. You do not need to discuss every question. However, we strongly recommend covering at least one question from each section: Upwards, Inwards, and Outwards.

Optional Icebreaker

What is something you are especially thankful for in this season of your life?

Discussion Questions

UPWARDS - Growing in Relationship with God

1. Read Matthew 5:7–9. What do these three Beatitudes show us about the kind of heart Jesus wants to form in His disciples?
2. Jesus calls us to be merciful because we have first received God's mercy through Christ. How does remembering God's mercy toward us change the way we see ourselves and others?
3. Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." What can help us bring our desires, motives, and priorities honestly before God and allow Him to shape our hearts?

INWARDS - Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. Mercy responds to another person's weakness or failure with compassion. What could a culture of mercy look like in our small group and church family?
5. God often uses other believers to help us grow and see things we may not see on our own. How can we help one another pursue hearts that are increasingly devoted to God?
6. Jesus calls His followers to be peacemakers, not simply people who avoid conflict. How can we bring truth, love, humility, and grace into disagreements within Christian community?

OUTWARDS - Reaching Those Around Us

7. Our world often responds to failure with anger, judgment, or rejection. How can showing Christ-like mercy make the good news of Jesus visible to people around us?
8. Jesus says peacemakers reflect the character of their heavenly Father. Where do you see opportunities for Christians to bring peace into the relationships and communities around them?
9. Think about one relationship or situation you will encounter this week. What specific step could you take to show mercy, pursue peace, or reflect the heart of Jesus there?

