Grace Community Church of Topsail

September 28, 2025 - God's Mercy poured on you requires you to do the same to others. Matthew 5:7

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Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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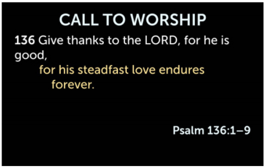
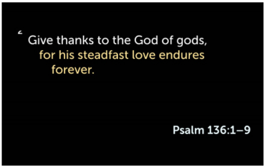


CALL TO WORSHIP

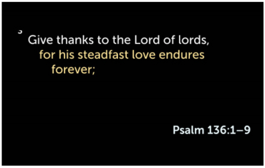
136 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1–9



[2] Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1–9



[3] Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

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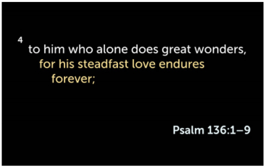
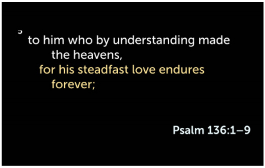
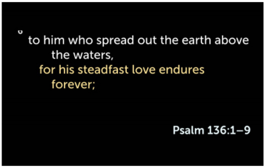

[4] to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures
forever;

Psalm 136:1–9


[5] to him who by understanding made
the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures
forever;

Psalm 136:1–9


[6] to him who spread out the earth above
the waters,
for his steadfast love endures
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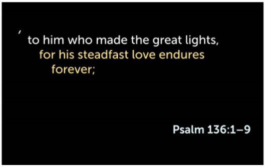
[7] to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures
forever;

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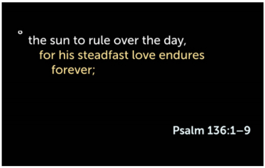
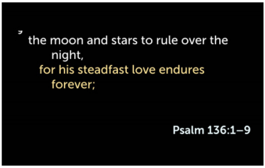

[8] the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures
forever;

Psalm 136:1–9


[9] the moon and stars to rule over the
night,
for his steadfast love endures
forever;

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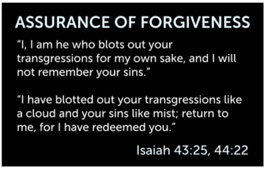
♫ God Of Wonders

♫ Goodness Of God



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

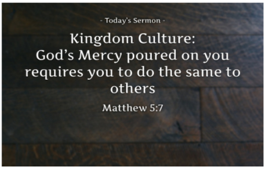
"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Isaiah 43:25, 44:22

♫ **Death Was Arrested**

♫ **It Is Well With My Soul**

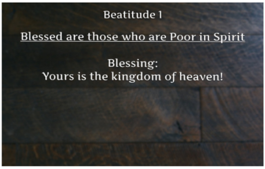
Kingdom Culture
HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH



- Today's Sermon -

Kingdom Culture:
God's Mercy poured on you requires you to do the same to others

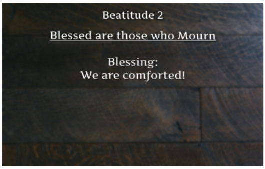
Matthew 5:7



Beatitude 1

Blessed are those who are Poor in Spirit

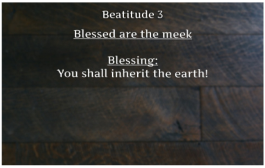
Blessing:
Yours is the kingdom of heaven!



Beatitude 2

Blessed are those who Mourn

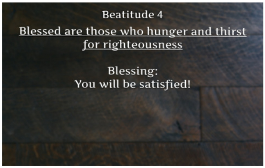
Blessing:
We are comforted!



Beatitude 3

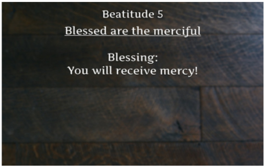
Blessed are the meek

Blessing:
You shall inherit the earth!



Beatitude 4
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Blessing:
You will be satisfied!



Beatitude 5
Blessed are the merciful

Blessing:
You will receive mercy!

Matthew 5:7 ESV

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

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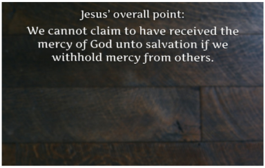
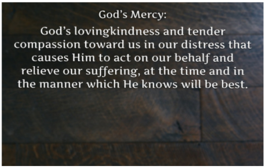
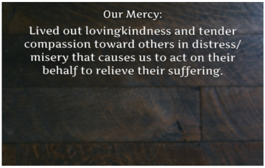


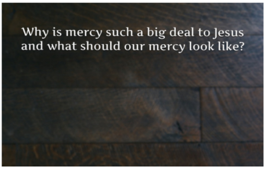
Jesus’ overall point:
We cannot claim to have received the mercy of God unto salvation if we withhold mercy from others.



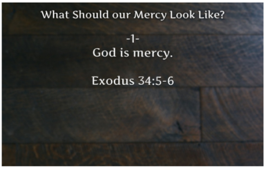
God’s Mercy:
God’s lovingkindness and tender compassion toward us in our distress that causes Him to act on our behalf and relieve our suffering, at the time and in the manner which He knows will be best.



Our Mercy:
Lived out lovingkindness and tender compassion toward others in distress/ misery that causes us to act on their behalf to relieve their suffering.



Why is mercy such a big deal to Jesus and what should our mercy look like?



What Should our Mercy Look Like?

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God is mercy.

Exodus 34:5-6

Exodus 34:5–6 ESV

> The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and...

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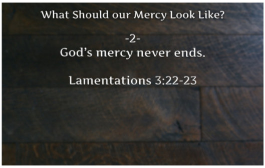

What Should our Mercy Look Like?

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God’s mercy never ends.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Lamentations 3:22–23 ESV

> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
> his mercies never come to an end;
> they are new every morning;
> great is your faithfulness.

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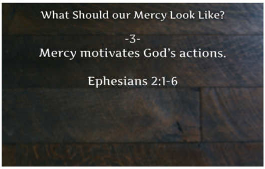

What Should our Mercy Look Like?

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Mercy motivates God’s actions.

Ephesians 2:1-6

Ephesians 2:1–6 ESV

> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the...

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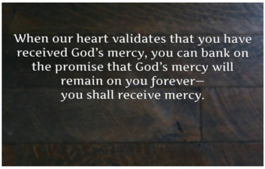
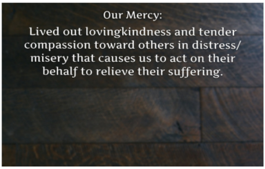


When our heart validates that you have received God's mercy, you can bank on the promise that God's mercy will remain on you forever—
you shall receive mercy.



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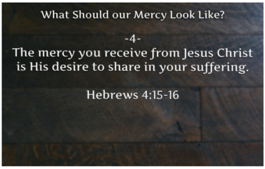

What Should our Mercy Look Like?

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The mercy you receive from Jesus Christ is His desire to share in your suffering.

Hebrews 4:15-16

Hebrews 4:15–16 ESV

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and..."

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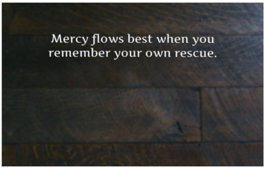
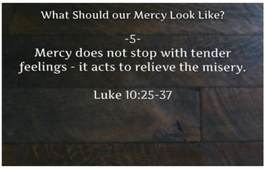


Mercy flows best when you remember your own rescue.



What Should our Mercy Look Like?

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Mercy does not stop with tender feelings - it acts to relieve the misery.

Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10:25–37 ESV

“And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...”

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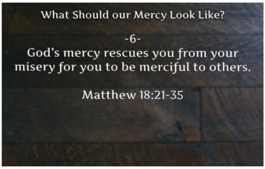

What Should our Mercy Look Like?

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God’s mercy rescues you from your misery for you to be merciful to others.

Matthew 18:21-35

Matthew 18:21–35 ESV

“Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.
“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be...”

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Matthew 5:7 ESV

““Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

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Kingdom
Culture
HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH

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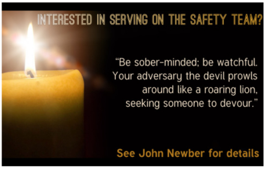
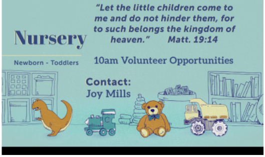


INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE SAFETY TEAM?

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

See John Newber for details



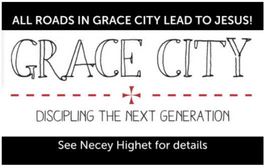
Nursery

Newborn - Toddlers

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14

10am Volunteer Opportunities

Contact:
Joy Mills



ALL ROADS IN GRACE CITY LEAD TO JESUS!

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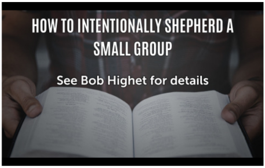
DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Necey Highet for details

Grasping God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Bible Study

See Steve Marshall for details



HOW TO INTENTIONALLY SHEPHERD A SMALL GROUP

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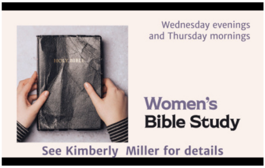
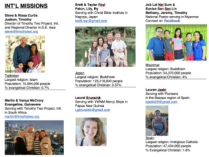


Wednesday evenings
and Thursday mornings

Women's
Bible Study

See Kimberly Miller for details



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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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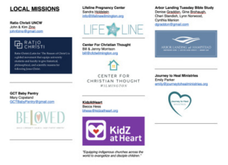
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%

Missionaries that GCT Supports



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Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood

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