

NOTES: Being a Person of Mercy

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Graduates, Next week.

Mercy means = Compassion, Kindness (not getting what is deserved)

We established last week that God is a God of mercy.

“Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.””

(Exodus 34:6–7, NASB95)

Matthew 5.7 “Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy

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How to we lose gratefulness?

1. We don't focus on the goodness of God
2. We neglect prayer and worship, the Word.
3. We believe and live entitled
4. We stop thanking God for blessings

Ephesians 4.1-3 (NIV)

Ways we can be a person of mercy

1. Be loving and merciful in our homes.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” (1 Peter 4:8, NIV)

2. Empathize with those who are suffering and struggling (Colossians 3.12-13)

3. Forgive those who have wronged you.

--Remember, we are powerless to grant forgiveness without God's love, mercy, and compassion in our hearts.

4. Be patient and encouraging with Christian's weak faith

“Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.” (Romans 15:1–2, NASB95)

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Sermon Discussion Questions: Being a Person of Mercy

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Go deeper for personal, groups, or families.

1. When you think of people of mercy, who do you think of in your life and why?
2. Jesus said, ***Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy*** (Matthew 5.7). How are the merciful blessed? What does this look like? Have you experienced this? When?
3. Why does our world need more mercy (kindness and compassion)?
4. Pastor Nate made the following Statement a few times. How important is being a grateful person to be a merciful person?

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5. Pastor Nate gave the following 4 ways. Which one do you struggle with the most? How could you increase your gratefulness in that area?
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6. What are ways in the home we can show more mercy, love, and kindness? Is there something we can stop doing? Do more of? Improve?
7. Has forgiveness been a challenge in your life? Pastor encouraged to forgive quickly? How can we do that more?
8. Share right now things you are grateful for? Make a list if alone.