



SERMONNOTES

July 19, 2026

When Mercy Defies the Mob

Matthew 5:7

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

Big Idea: **“We live by mercy because God has shown mercy to us and calls us to reflect that mercy in the way we treat others.”**

1. This Beatitude is a _____.

Proverbs 15:1

2. This Beatitude reflects a _____.

1 Peter 1:3

3. This Beatitude is a _____.

Psalms 103:10-14

Grace: Getting _____ things that I don't deserve.

Mercy: Not getting _____ things that I do deserve.

4. This Beatitude is a _____.

Luke 6:36

- Mercy means we _____ the _____.

Matthew 18:21-22

- Mercy means we _____ the _____.

Matthew Luke 10:36-37

ADMIT

BELIEVE

CHOOSE

Reflection and Discussion

1. The sermon says mercy goes against both our nature and our culture. Where do you see mercy becoming difficult or countercultural in everyday life?
2. How does remembering the mercy God has shown us change the way we respond when someone sins against us?
3. What is the difference between offering an occasional merciful impulse and becoming the kind of person whose “bent” is to show mercy?
4. The sermon defines mercy as “not getting bad things that I do deserve.” How does that definition deepen your understanding of Matthew 5:7?
5. Jesus connects mercy with both forgiving the guilty and helping the hurting. Which of those comes more naturally to you, and which one is harder?
6. In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus says, “Go and do the same.” Who is one person or group of people God may be calling you to move toward with practical mercy?