

Worship Notes for July 11-12, 2020

Orrville Trinity UMC

Greetings! As we gather outdoors or online this weekend, here are some resources to help you engage the worship theme with your family or small group. Note that with our new worship series, "The Miracle of Mercy" this document is set up a little differently. Please use it to take notes as you listen to the sermon and participate in a small group. Please be sure to practice physical distancing! Blessings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Pastor David

Opening Prayer

From the comfort of our homes we gather to worship. Whether through printed word, or through the gift of technology, we are a community. Here we seek connection to the Divine. Come, let us worship God, shown to us through the risen Christ.

SERMON NOTES FOR WEEK #1 – "THE FIVE MARKS OF MERCY"

Memory Verse:

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:1, NIV)

The number one attribute of God in Scripture is mercy.

"The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth." (Exodus 34:6, NKJV)

Mercy is _____ in _____.

Mercy: refraining from harm or punishment; unexpected kindness

"The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love" (Psalm 145:8, NLT)

THE FIVE MARKS OF MERCY

1. I _____ those who have _____.

2. I _____ those who are _____.

3. I am _____ with difficult people.

4. I am _____ to my _____.

5. I _____ for the _____.

THREE MOTIVATIONS FOR MERCY

1. I must be merciful because _____.

2. I must be merciful because _____.

3. I must be merciful because _____.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

If this is your group's first meeting, or if you have new members, be sure to introduce yourselves.

- What does mercy mean to you?
- Mercy is God's number one characteristic in the Bible. How does that truth affect the way you think about God?
- How does God's mercy affect the way you think about others?
- Which of the five marks of mercy is the most challenging for you?
- Share a time when someone showed mercy to you. How did their unexpected kindness impact your life?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Personal: What opportunity do you have to show mercy to someone this week? Does someone need it?

Group: begin to think about a Mercy Project for your small group. By the way, it's not too late to sign up to join a group!