

**Worship Notes for August 15-16, 2020**  
**Orrville Trinity UMC**  
**“Miracle of Mercy” Series**

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. Please use these pages to take notes as you listen to the sermon and participate in your small group.

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 WEEK #6: “MERCY CARES FOR THE LOST”**

**Memory Verse:**

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)

John 17:18; 2 Corinthians 5:18; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Luke 5:17-26

**FIVE WAYS YOUR SMALL GROUP CAN CARE FOR THE LOST**

**1. The Principle of** \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 15:2

**2. The Principle of** \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 3:5-8

**3. The Principle of** \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 5:20; Hebrews 7:25

**4. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Colossians 4:5; Luke 14:23

**5. The Principle of \_\_\_\_\_.**

2 Peter 3:9

Helping someone enter into heaven is the greatest act of mercy you can do for them!

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION**

- If you want to know God's plan for reaching the world for Jesus Christ, look around the room. You're it! You are God's plan, because God works through his people. Does that thought excite you, scare you, or overwhelm you?
- Read 1 Peter 3:15 aloud together – *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."* Break the verse down, phrase by phrase. What principles do you observe about sharing Christ with other people?
- If someone hadn't cared enough to tell you the Good News, you would be living without Christ right now. Who do you know that needs to hear about God's mercy in Jesus Christ? Write their name in the space below. During your closing prayer time, pray together for all of the names your group members have written down.

(add name here) \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the most important lesson you have learned in your study of *The Miracle of Mercy*?

**PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE**

**Personal:** Practice telling your faith story by answering these three questions:

- What was your life like before you knew Jesus Christ?
- How did you meet him?
- What difference has he made in your life?