

Worship Notes for August 1-2, 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 #4: “MERCY IS PATIENT W/DIFFICULT PEOPLE”

Memory Verse:

“Mercy triumphs over judgment.” (James 2:13, NIV)

STEPS TO BEING PATIENT WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

1. _____.

Proverbs 12:16

2. _____.

Proverbs 21:23; Proverbs 16:32; Proverbs 19:11

3. _____.

Ephesians 4:2; James 2:13; Matthew 5:7; Colossians 3:13

4. _____.

Proverbs 17:9; Proverbs 26:20; Philippians 4:8-9

5. _____.

Proverbs 26:21

6. _____.

James 2:13; 1 Peter 3:9; Colossians 3:12, 14; Romans 12:14, 17-18, 21

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

- This week, we identified six practices for dealing with difficult people in your life. In which of these practices does God seem to be giving you the greatest opportunity to grow right now?
- This week's memory verse says, "Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13). Why is mercy so important to God?
- The Bible says, "Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:12). What does it mean to "clothe yourself" with those things and how can you do it?
- The Bible says "Ask God to bless those who persecute you – yes, ask them to bless, not to curse" (Romans 12:14). How will you respond if God answers that prayer by blessing your enemy?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Personal: God hates gossip. In Romans 1:29, gossip appears in the same list of sins as murder, sexual immorality, and violence. Make the commitment to your group that if someone irritates you this week, and you just have to gossip about it to someone, that you will only gossip with God! That's called prayer! Tell God – and only God – about it, and then leave it in His capable hands. Sign the covenant below:

If I am hurt, shocked, scandalized irritated, disappointed, or otherwise offended with anyone this week, I hereby promise that I will talk only with God and with no one else.

Signed: _____

Group: If you haven't already, complete your plans for your group's Mercy Project.