

“Trading Places” Small Group Discussion | July 7, 2019

Share about a time when you needed mercy.

Review the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18). Who do you immediately identify with? Why?

By cancelling the man’s debt, the generous king goes far beyond the man’s request for “patience.” What does this show us about God?

Showing mercy involves much more than withholding punishment, it requires us to engage our emotions and feel for the person on the other end. Does this come easily to you? Why or why not?

Jesus didn’t come to show us what’s right, he came to show us what’s best. Can you think of a time when you sacrificed being right in a relationship for being right in an argument?

In the end, **the man is held responsible not for the debt that he owed, but for the debt that he wouldn’t forgive.** What does this tell us about God and what he values? What implications does this have for us?

Among other things, the last verse in the parable implies that **the one who pays the greatest price for your lack of mercy is you.** How have you seen this to be true?

After you leave your group tonight, spend some time thinking about people that need your mercy.