



Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Host Tip: Welcome new group members and provide a brief overview of session 1. Review last week's memory verse as well.

Opening Discussion Questions:

1. *How does the Bible describe mercy?*

2. *Why do we have problems showing mercy but no problem in wanting mercy?*

Memory Verse | Week 6:

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." – Luke 6:36, ESV

Host Tip: *Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.*



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

Session 6: *Blessed Are The Merciful*



"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." — Matthew 5:7 ESV

Mercy (Representative) Principle: In a mean and messy world, you best represent Jesus with MERCY.

Lesson outline:

1. **AVOID the visual obstruction of pride**

"As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. —Matthew 9:9 NKJV

"And he left everything behind, and got up and began to follow Him." — Luke 5:28 NASB

2. **USE mercy to mend wounds, not inflict new ones**

"Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, 'Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' 12 When Jesus heard that; He said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'" — Matthew 9:10-12 NKJV

"O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." — Micah 6:8 NLT

3. **SHOW mercy to those that need to be lifted up**

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." — Matthew 9:13 NKJV

"Show mercy to those who have doubts. Save others by snatching them from the fire of hell. Show mercy to others, even though you are afraid that you might be stained by their sinful lives" — Jude 1:22-23 GW



Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

Host Tip: *Take time to field prayer requests. You can designate someone to pray prior to the gathering or coordinate group prayer.*

Closing Discussion Questions:

1. Hosea 6:6 Matthew 5:7; Micah 6:8; Jude 1:22-23. Please compare these Scriptures and read them aloud.

2. How can we represent God with mercy (to others)?