

MINDSETS: A MERCY MINDSET

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

As we continue in week 2 of our “Mindsets” sermon series, we see the Apostle Paul starts Romans chapter 12 by saying, “I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercy of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—and to renew your minds.” The truth is, the only way we can ever even hope to think right, or to have the right mindset, we must be constantly aware that we can accomplish nothing for God’s glory apart from God’s mercy. In this week’s sermon, we’ll focus on the idea that the Scriptures teach us that we ought to be mercy-loving and mercy-giving people. We ought to be merciful, considering the mercies of God poured upon us.

Key Passage: Romans 12:1-2

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the “Grow” section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone’s week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or “connection” activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

If we believe that we can accomplish nothing for God’s glory apart from God’s mercy, how does the mercy of God compel us to live out the mission of God?

Jesus typically links forgiveness with mercy. Is that a connection you normally make? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 18, specifically the parable of the unforgiving servant. According to this passage, is mercy a responsibility or a choice for the Christian?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Has there been a time where you had the opportunity to show someone mercy? How did that make them feel?

Has there been a time when someone showed you mercy? Share that moment with the group. How did it make you feel?

Who can you think of in your life this week that needs a phone call or some sort of help? Reach out and pray for them.



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