

Blessed Are the Merciful

Matthew 5:7

Sermon Discussion Questions

June 18, 2023

1. Did the scene from *Les Miserable* give you a good, tangible example of mercy? If you were in the bishop's position, do you think you would be ready to show mercy, seek justice, or take some other course of action?
2. Do you understand the difference between mercy and grace? Think back to the chart used in the sermon. What are some distinct examples of mercy? What are some distinct examples of grace? Discuss the differences between them with your group.
3. Do you see God as the ultimate example and definition of mercy? How have you experienced God's mercy in your life?
4. Which aspect of mercy do you resonate with the most: forgiveness of guilt – demonstrated in the parable of the merciful king and unmerciful servant – or compassion for the suffering – demonstrated by the parable of the Good Samaritan?
5. Sometimes you might not receive mercy from others, even though you show them sincere mercy. How have you dealt with this situation or how could you deal with the situation?
6. Could you share the most significant mercy you have received in your life or the most considerable mercy you have shown to others? Also, could you let them know how the story ends?
7. Where do you need to forgive a debt in your life? Where do you see a need that you can meet? How can you apply this message to your life today?