

Matthew 5:7

The Beatitudes: God's Blessing on Jesus' Disciples (Part 4)

Blessed are the Merciful (v. 7)

- Meaning
- Examples
- Promise
- Application

Application of Matthew 5:7

1. What's "mercy" mean? You may like to do a word study of the term and its related words (i.e. not just the adjective, but noun and verb forms)
 - a. Simply it may be described as C_____ in a_____
2. What's the difference between **being** merciful and **showing** mercy?
 - a. How do they relate?
 - b. What's Jesus' focus on these two aspects of mercy in this beatitude?
3. Reflect on some examples of being merciful in Scripture (and people you know today) and use these as a model to follow in your own life e.g. Jesus (Matt 9:36; 14:14; 20:34) and the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
4. Look up Scripture passages that describe mercy as part of God's nature e.g. Ex 34:6; Deut 4:31; 2 Chr 30:9; Ps 86:15; Lam 3:22; 2 Cor 1:3.
 - a. Consider these verses to God's mercy as it relates to our salvation: Rom 9:23; Eph 2:4-5; 1 Tim 1:13, 16; Heb 2:17; 1 Pet 1:3; 2:10.
 - b. How does God's mercy motivate you to be merciful (Matt 18:21-35)?
5. Reflect on verses describing God's future mercy toward the merciful e.g. Matt 25:34-40; 2 Tim 1:16-18; Jude 1:21
 - a. How does the promise of God's future mercy encourage you?
6. **Why** do you show mercy/compassion toward others?
 - a. If you demonstrate "mercy" to others because you think they'll show you mercy, because you think it'll make you feel good, or whatever other personal reason that's selfishness, not mercy.
7. How may you limit anything that could hinder you from being merciful e.g. watching violence, hanging out with cruel or critical people?
8. Ask God and thank God for His mercy!
9. Is there someone or people you can show mercy to today and this week? (e.g. prayer, preach the gospel, practical help, forgiveness, confrontation)
10. When might it be appropriate and not appropriate to help people in need e.g. beggars, homeless, addicts, co-dependent people?

Reading this week: Read Matt 5:3-10 each day this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sermon Main Points</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The B _____:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God's B _____ on Jesus' D _____ (Part __)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Bible References:</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	<p>Blessed are the M _____ (v. __)</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- M _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- E _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- P _____</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">- A _____</p>	
<u>Verses</u>		

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Blessed/Happy	Mercy/ Compassion	Merciful	Us

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: