

BEATITUDES

AN 8-WEEK STUDY GUIDE

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**BLESSED ARE
THE MERCIFUL,
FOR THEY WILL BE
SHOWN MERCY.**

STUDY QUESTIONS

Play the *“The Beatitudes: Merciful”* video lesson.

1. Read *Matthew 5:7*. How would you describe what it means to be merciful?

2. In the video lesson, Dusty defined merciful as “to be moved beyond pity into active compassion for someone in need.” How would you describe the difference between pity and mercy?

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3. Read *Hebrews 2:17* and *Hebrews 4:15-16*. In what ways do these verses describe Jesus as merciful?

4. Read *Matthew 6:14-15* and *Proverbs 11:17*. Why is it wrong for someone who has experienced God's mercy to not be merciful toward others?

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5. Have each person in your group silently read *Matthew 18:23-35*. How did the servant's behavior (whose debt was cancelled) reveal what he actually thought about the king's forgiveness? How much did the servant actually value the king's forgiveness?

6. What are some ways that we can be merciful without enabling or justifying the harmful decisions of others (especially in regard to toxic people in our lives)? Read *Romans 2:4*. How might recognizing God's mercy and kindness toward you help you show more mercy to others?

Take a few minutes to:

- Write down the name of someone you know who needs some mercy and kindness in their life.
- Now, identify and write down how you could show them mercy and kindness.
- Finally, if you're comfortable doing so, share your takeaway and life application with the group.