



### **Blessed, Pt. 5: Merciful**

Jesus said that people in his Kingdom will be merciful. This characteristic of disciples of Jesus makes Christianity attractive, for at one point or another we all need (and want) mercy. So, what is mercy and how can we grow more merciful?

**Bottom Line:** Mercy is compassion in action.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe a time when you were the recipient of mercy. How did that impact you?
2. **Read Matthew 9:9-13 and 12:1-8.** On these two separate occasions, Jesus quoted from Hosea 6:6. What do you think Jesus' primary point was in quoting from Hosea? Why is mercy such a big deal to God?
3. **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** What do you learn about mercy in this passage?
4. As a result of this week's message and study, how has your understanding of mercy grown?
5. What are some ways you can grow in the characteristic of mercy?
6. What was the most helpful, encouraging, or challenging thought/idea from the message this week? How did it help or challenge you?
7. How can the group encourage you this week?