



Sunday, February 11, 2024

Alta Vista Baptist Church

Matthew 5:7 & 18:23-35



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." – Matthew 5:7

- Mercy is _____ giving someone something they deserve.

- Mercy is _____.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:22-23

- We have the ability to show mercy only because we have been blessed with mercy.

- Mercy is not just an attitude it is an _____.

1) Showing mercy involves giving up what is _____ yours. (vs. 18:23-27)

- Revenge
- Rights
- Repayment

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." – Luke 6:35-36

2) Your _____ of mercy will be seen by others. (vs. 18:28-31)

"...In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." – Matthew 5:14-16 (1 Peter 2:12)

3) There are _____ to our lack of mercy. (vs. 18:32-35)

- The master's charge (vs. 32-33)
- The master's anger (vs. 34a)
- The master holds the servant accountable (vs. 34b-35)

"...Judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment." – James 2:12-13 (Matthew 6:14-15, Ephesians 4:32)

- ❑ In Christ we have *received* EXTRAVAGANT Mercy and Grace.
- ❑ As Christians we now *extend* EXTRAVAGANT Mercy and Grace to others.



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1:** Share about a time you received mercy from someone else? What happened? How did that shape that relationship?
- Q2:** Explain your definition of Mercy. Why is being merciful a requirement for receiving mercy?
- Q3:** How does the outcome of the unmerciful servant's actions (Matt. 18:32-35) confirm the truth of Jesus' beatitude (Matt. 5:7)?
- Q4:** Read 1 Peter 2:12. Have you ever been convicted by the Holy Spirit because of your lack of mercy or forgiveness towards someone else? Did you seeking that person's forgiveness?
- Q5:** If you are not showing mercy to others, how might that be an indication that you are not being shaped by the gospel?
- Q6:** Read Matthew 6:14-15 and Ephesians 4:32. How does your lack of mercy towards others reflect the mercy you receive from God? Do you need to show mercy to someone today?