

Sunnyside Foursquare

Series: Kingdom Minded

Title: Blessed are the Merciful

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Matthew 5:1-7

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Questions:

#1. How would you define mercy in your own words? Why is being merciful difficult at some times?

#2. When you pause and consider the mercy God has extended to you how would you measure it? How well do you reciprocate that *same measure* of mercy to others?

Pastor DJ believes Jesus uses a couple of illustrations in the Sermon on the Mount to explain “mercy” (you’re welcome to disagree by the way 😊).

Please read **Matthew 5:38-42**, then answer the question below.

#3. How is Jesus practically explaining MERCY in this passage? How is Holy Spirit inviting you to live that out right now?

Please read **Matthew 5:43-48**, then answer the question below.

#4. How is Jesus practically explaining MERCY in this passage? How is Holy Spirit inviting you to live that out right now?

#5. How does focusing on God's mercy help us live a life that is kingdom minded? Does this bring up something you need prayer for? If so, please share that now and pray together.