



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	19-11-2023		Love mercy	
Start	 □ What's your favourite ice cream? Walk into Baskin-Robbins, with its 31 flavours of ice cream: which one would you choose? □ How many words/ slang for 'rich' can you think of? e.g. loaded, wadded, filthy rich, minted 			
POR Discuss	□ What is mercy?□ When did you receive 'mercy' this week?□ When did you show 'mercy' this week?			
Read	Micah 6:6-8	Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch	
Explore	 Micah 6:8: What does it mean to <u>love</u> mercy? How has Jesus shown us mercy? Who did Jesus show mercy to? Why did Jesus show mercy? Matthew 9:36: Have you ever felt 'lost'? Does Jesus see you? Matthew 23:13-24: How do the <i>religious</i> self-righteous react to mercy? Why? What do they not see? Why do you need to receive mercy to be able to give it? Matthew 5:7: Why & how are the merciful blessed? What happens to us/others/communities when this creates perpetual Give-Receive-Give-Receive motion? 			
Go further	 □ Read Ephesians 2:1-10. □ Who needs mercy? Why is looking down on others like two corpses arguing who's better? (v.1-3) □ How/ why is God <i>rich</i> in mercy? (v.4) □ If its God's grace, not our own righteousness, that saves us, how should we view ourselves? Others? (v.5-9) □ Why are we then to 'play it forwards' with others? Why (v.10)? 			
Reflect	 □ Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? □ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? 			
Do	☐ Donate a Christmas gift to a child or young person through Birmingham City Mission's ToyLink. 'Toy Sunday' 4 th December.			
Pray	Dear God, I thank you that Show me more of Your Teach me to be more			
My questions:				

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