



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

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| | 08-08-2020 | Blessed are the merciful |
| Read | Matthew 5:7 + Matthew 9:9-13 | Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks |
| Discuss | <input type="checkbox"/> What's been the most diverse or different meal table you've ever eaten at? <input type="checkbox"/> When have you felt 'let off' something? To what extent did it feel like mercy? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is mercy sometimes so hard to receive? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is 'shame' so damaging? | |
| Go further | <input type="checkbox"/> v.7: Why does God bless the merciful? And how does He bless them? <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 9:10: Why did those who were most <i>unlike</i> Jesus often most <i>like</i> Jesus? What does it say about Jesus and His spirituality that He accepted hospitality from "sinners"? What about us? <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 9: 11: Why does <i>religion</i> struggle with grace and mercy? <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 9:13: Why does Jesus desire <i>mercy</i> , <u>not</u> sacrifice? | |
| Reflect | <input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> Picture Matthew/Levi, the despised, colluding Tax Collector. What is he doing/saying? How are others reacting? Picture Jesus walking towards him. How does Levi react? Now, see/hear Jesus say to Levi, 'Come, follow me'. What do these words do to Levi? The crowd? | |
| Do | <input type="checkbox"/> This week, 'play it forward'. Every time you experience something good, secretly do the same for others. Give as you receive. | |
| Pray | <i>Dear God,</i> <i>Thank you for your undeserved, unreserved mercy towards me. It makes me feel ____.</i> <i>Help me to show undeserved, unreserved mercy towards ____.</i> Give me the strength to ____. <i>Let me live according to your life-changing, life-affirming mercy.</i> <i>Amen</i> | |
| My question: | | |



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