

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



MERCY ME!

The Sermon on the Mount is a lengthy discourse given by Jesus on a hillside north of Capernaum, a fishing community on the northern edge of the Sea of Galilee. The first section, Matthew 5:3-12, is called “The Beatitudes.” Each one tells how to be “Blessed” by God. The “blessed” are those who are truly a part of God’s Kingdom; those who experience joy and hope, not because of their outward circumstances, but because of their inner spiritual relationship with God. True discipleship means faithful obedience to Jesus regardless of the cost or what the world thinks.

“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7, NLT).

Beginning with verse 7, Jesus turns His attention from the believer’s vertical relationship with God, to focus on the believer’s horizontal relationships with his fellow man.

1. What is MERCY?
2. What is the difference between MERCY and GRACE? How do you define them?
3. How are MERCY and FORGIVENESS similar or different? Matthew 6:12, 14-15
4. Compare/contrast FORGIVENESS and UNFORGIVENESS. Matthew 18:23-35
5. Are the merciful more likely controlled by vengeance or love? Why?
6. Do you prefer God’s vengeance or His MERCY and forgiveness? Give examples of both.
7. True or False? True discipleship is more than what you know; it is what you do with what you know. Explain.
8. True or False? MERCY is both an attitude and an action directed toward others. It is identifying with those in need and acting in compassion to help. How does this concept apply to CMA ministries?
9. True or False? The merciful will demonstrate mercy toward others by having a forgiving spirit, reaching out to accept those others reject, and acting to alleviate the suffering others endure. Share and discuss the meaning of Hosea 6:6 and Matthew 9:9-13
10. True or False? If you show mercy to the sinner you are in fact accepting their sin. John 8:1-11
11. What is God’s greatest act of MERCY? Why?
12. Which comes first; Showing mercy or receiving mercy?
13. Can you act in God’s MERCY if you haven’t first received God’s MERCY? Explain.
14. Discuss the PRESENT and FUTURE aspects of MERCY.
15. Ask group members to share their mental picture of what God’s MERCY will look like in Heaven.

Pray for mercy in the lives of your chapter members. Pray that you will recognize bikers in need of God’s mercy and that you will have the opportunity and courage to show mercy to them in His name.