



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 27th February 2022

THEME: THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS – BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

PASSAGE: Matthew 5:7 & Luke 10:25-37

LAUNCH

When was the last time you saw an act of mercy or kindness that surprised you. What was special about it?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

How exactly would you define mercy?

In what way is Jesus's death on the cross the supreme example of mercy

If we have already received mercy through Christ's death on the cross how does showing mercy achieve more mercy?

Showing mercy invariably involves risk. What risks do we take as we show mercy towards others?

Can you think of an example where someone showed you mercy? What effect did it have?

There is a great discussion between Jesus & the lawyer just before Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. The lawyer seems to do well until he asks the question 'Who is my neighbour?' Why might this be the wrong question & what does it show about the lawyer? What might a better question have been?

In his sermon Guy compared the priest & the Levite to modern day evangelicals. Is that fair or not?

What excuses might the priest & the Levite have had to not engage with the wounded man.? What reasons do we give for not engaging with need? In what ways are these arguments faulty?

By making a Samaritan the hero of the story, Jesus deliberately includes the subject of prejudice into the mix? Why was the Samaritan a most unlikely rescuer?

What prejudices affect your willingness to help others? Try to identify 5 that you can more or less agree on

In considering the question of 'deserving versus undeserving' Jonathan Edwards argues that seeing as we are all underserving recipients of God's mercy, we should show generous mercy towards the deserving & undeserving alike. Do you agree?

APPLICATION

The Good Samaritan gave his time, energy & resources to help the wounded man.

Pray for one another that you will find more ways to give time, energy & resource to those in need around you

Spend time thanking God for Jesus & the time, energy & resource expended by them in rescuing you!

