

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



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PRAISE - One of the most humbling things about our recent trip to San Miguel de Allende was spending half a day in a group addiction home. This ministry consisted of a Bible time, an English class and a craft time. I was able to share a message of hope from God’s Word.

PRAISE - We had a special donation given to the orphanage. A company out of Cummings, Georgia by the name of Mattress Safe made a donation of their special mattress covers for all the beds at the orphanage.

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Study: 11/14/21

Happy Are The Merciful

Jesus opens His Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, a series of statements describing the blessed life. The fifth Beatitude states, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

First, the word translated “blessed” is one that has the general meaning of “happy” or “joyful.” It is a spiritual blessedness, a divine satisfaction that comes from a right relationship with God.

To be merciful is to show forgiveness and compassion to those in need. Jesus frequently spoke of this trait. In the Lord’s Prayer, He says, “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” (Matthew 6:12). In Matthew 9:13 Jesus instructs the Pharisees, “Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

We are blessed if we are merciful because mercy is something God Himself displays. God’s mercy is the withholding of a just punishment; it is His compassion on the miserable. Deuteronomy 30:3 says, “The LORD your God will restore your fortunes. He will have mercy on you” (NLT). The psalmist writes, “Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy” (Psalm 28:6). Jesus Himself often showed mercy, as we see in His healing of the man freed from demons: “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you” (Mark 5:19).

We have received God’s mercy. Romans 11:30 notes, “You who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy.” Paul shared that his ministry was given to him by God’s mercy (2 Corinthians 4:1). He also saw his salvation as an act of God’s mercy: “I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief” (1 Timothy 1:13). Our salvation is also called an act of God’s mercy: “He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy” (Titus 3:5). As Peter expressed it, “In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3).

God’s children reflect His mercy and are therefore merciful themselves. The merciful in this world are blessed in the sense that they know God’s joy. The person who is merciful will be eternally happy because he knows God’s mercy.

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KEY VERSE

Matthew 5:7 (NKJV)

*“Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.”*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 5:3-7; Matthew 18:21-35; Hebrews 4:16

Introduction

1. Would you describe yourself as a merciful person? Why or why not?
2. How is mercy related to the other characteristics of true happiness we have studied so far?

Tuesday: Lamentations 3:22-23; James 3:17; Hebrews 2:17

Examine Mercy

3. What can we learn about mercy from today’s scripture readings?
4. How often do you think about God’s mercy to you?

Wednesday: Ephesians 2:4-5; Micah 6:8; II Corinthians 1:3-4

Experience Mercy

5. What have been the effects of mercy on your life?
6. How have you seen an act of mercy lead to more mercy? Give an example.

Thursday: Zachariah 7:9; Luke 6:33-36, 10:33-37; Ephesians 4:32

Extend Mercy

7. List ways in which you have extended mercy to others.
8. List ways in which people have extended mercy to you.
9. What are reasons we sometimes fail to extend mercy to others? How can accepting God’s mercy towards us help us extend mercy to others?

Friday: Acts 20:35; Hebrews 12:15; Matthew 6:14-15

Enjoy Mercy

10. What difference has the mercy of others made in your life?
11. When are you especially grateful for God’s mercy?
12. Who can you show mercy to this week?