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Being Merciful

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"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." -Jesus, Matthew 5:7

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Adjective (especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough

If Jesus isn't messing up my life then I'm doing Jesus wrong.

Mercy is a radically different response of care and compassion to others because of what God has done in my life.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him thirty million dollars was brought to him..."
--Jesus, Matthew 18:23-33

Mercy—my response to the pain and frustration and even bad actions of another as I look into their life.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
1 John 4:11 (NIV)

**Mercy...
...gets it.**

...feels it.

...responds to it

...to anyone.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

The LORD rewarded me for doing right. He has seen my innocence. To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity. To the pure you show yourself pure.... 2 Samuel 22:25-27

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. Isaiah 53:5

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. 1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

But if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

So the LORD must wait for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for his help. Isaiah 30:18 (NLT)

For your LifeGroup and time with your accountability partner.

Our emphasis this month is "Fellowship." To kick off, talk about something you love about your LifeGroup.

Read Jesus' words in Matthew 18:21-35 and talk about mercy and kindness to others. What other insights do you see here?

Talk about when someone showed mercy to you.

Why is mercy so hard when you've been hurt by someone else?
What makes it 'easier' to have mercy?

Talk about someone to whom you need to show mercy.