

## THE BEATITUDES: Our King — His Kingdom — His Citizens

### 6. Blessed Are the Merciful

#### Matthew 5:7

#### Discussion Questions

##### Chris

1. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, "Can I say quite honestly and truly that I desire above everything else in this world truly to know God and to be like the Lord Jesus Christ, to be rid of self in every shape and form, and to live only, always and entirely to His glory and to His honour?" Can this be said of you? Is this true of your heart, your desire? If not, what needs to change?
2. The Kingdom of God is the expression of the King. If the God we worship is merciful, what should that say about us? If He is merciful, how should we be?
3. How would you define grace? How would you define mercy?
4. Finish this statement: "If you refuse to be merciful, you have never really understood \_\_\_\_\_."
5. What are you going to do with the lessons learned from today's study? How will you spiritually apply them to your life? How will you practically apply them to your life?
6. Mercy is not a one and done prospect. It is not something that you apply once and then your mercy quota is filled. If it is a continuous calling to be like Jesus, then it is a continuous calling to be merciful (full of mercy). What aspect, or relationship in your life is calling for you to apply mercy right now? What about tomorrow and the next day and the day after that? How are you to be? You see, it is not about the Retribution Principle, that if I do X, then I will get Y; it is about reflecting who He is to a world and to a people that desperately need the Savior. Who will you be today? Who will you choose to be tomorrow?

##### Travis

1. When God spoke to Moses, he said he is merciful! Not just merciful — God is much merciful, very merciful, — full of mercy and grace. Where do you see God being full of mercy and grace in his word? How have you experienced God to be full of mercy and grace?
2. What does mercy not mean?
3. What is mercy? What does mercy mean?

4. Who and Where needs God's mercy? How can you be a part of extending God's mercy?
5. "The nearer you get to the heart of the King, the more merciful you become because our King is merciful. " How have you seen this to be true for you?