



IdGuidelines: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion:

1. Read **Luke 6:27-36** and review the **main points** of the sermon.
 - a. Mercy is what keeps our earthly relationships alive
 - b. God's mercy was never meant to stay with you
 - c. Your mercy will dry up without a fresh appreciation of God's mercy to you
2. **Reflect and Ruminare** on areas that resonated with you:
 - a. Biblical mercy is more than a feeling. It's compassion in action. Do you struggle with allowing your feelings to dictate your actions? Explain your answer.
 - b. How often does God's grace and mercy to you flow to those around you? Especially those closest to you? Is it a struggle to extend that mercy to those around you? Explain.
 - c. Agape love is characterized by laying aside our own rights and privileges to give for the need of another expecting nothing in return. How has this definition of love changed you? Or, how do you need to change in light of this definition of love?



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all the Difference"*
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3. **Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:**

- a. Which of the following below do you need to put in practice this week in order to pass mercy onto others around you?
 - i. Do you need to forbear and suffer because of someone else's sin?
 - ii. Do you need to be patient and wait and not be in a big hurry?

4. **Request:**

- a. There is always a cost with choosing to forgive someone. Is there anyone here that needs to make the choice and forgive someone of his or her sin against them tonight? Remember, forgiveness is a choice and process. You're only making the choice now. The process will take time.

5. **Remember the Gospel:**

- a. *The gospel is our root system, hub and heart. It's not about keeping the list of "do's & don'ts, rules & law." We will never be able to give God's mercy away as He calls us to without reminding ourselves of our identity in Christ.*

Prayer Emphasis:

- **Praise & Prayer:** Love, forgiveness and mercy are the greatest apologetics to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that our church family would be known in our communities for our love, forgiveness and mercy.