

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: MERCIFUL AND PURE

**Matthew 5:7-8, ESV** – <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we learned that we need to show mercy toward others. How has God shown mercy to us? How does His mercy toward us compel us to show mercy to others?
- 2 Share a time when you have shown mercy to someone who did not deserve it?
- 3 How is the blessing of seeing God both a present and future blessing?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** **Matthew 9:10-13, ESV** – <sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Luke 10:29-37, ESV** – <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

**4** In Matthew 9:10-13, Jesus tells us He “desires mercy.” What does Jesus mean by this statement? Why is mercy more important to Him than sacrifice?

**5** Looking at Luke 10:29-37, we see how the Samaritan showed mercy while the priest and Levite did not. Why did he do this? What was different about him?

**6** How does judgement interfere with our ability to show mercy? How can we keep ourselves from being judgmental?

**B** **Psalms 24:3-6, ESV** – <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. <sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah

**Psalms 119:9-16, ESV** – <sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! <sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. <sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! <sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. <sup>14</sup> In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. <sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. <sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

**7** According to the passages above, why is the state of a person’s heart so important to God?

8 Looking at Psalm 119:9-16, what are some practical ways we can keep our hearts pure?

9 How can keeping a pure heart be a blessing to others, not just to ourselves?

## TAKING IT HOME

Jesus reminds us that those who show mercy and have a pure heart will be blessed. Both begin with a change of heart. How do we have this change of heart? How are you doing with showing mercy to others? How are you doing at keeping your heart pure by seeking God? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be people who show mercy and keep a pure heart.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Psalms 19:7-14, 24:3-6, 51:10-12, 73:1-3, 21-28

Proverbs 6:16-19

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Micah 6:8

Matthew 5:38-42, 7:1-6, 8:1-4, 15:10-20

Luke 17:11-19, 23:32-34

John 8:1-11

Acts 15:8