

# ***life group study guide***

**November 13, 2016**

## **Just Love**

### **Week two: Give Mercy**

**Big Idea:** Give mercy to others in the same way God has given it to you.

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” -- **Micah 6:8**

Without answering- Quickly, the first thing that comes to your mind- “How has God shown you mercy?”

Briefly write it down if you can-

OK- so what is mercy? As Jeff Shields used to say: unpack that some- What is mercy, not a textbook definition, but the real thing...

What does it mean when we say God is merciful?

When we say God’s mercies are always new?

How is Mercy part of God’s character- describe that.

What does it mean to us? How does it benefit us?

What are some of the Biblical examples of mercy?

Let’s read some Scripture:

Psalm 28

Luke 15:11-31

Luke 10:25-37

So let’s revisit our opening:

Without answering- Quickly, the first thing that comes to your mind- “How has God shown you mercy?” **What did you write down?**

Now after our time talking about this- answer it again, with some deeper thought- perhaps more in-depth than what might seem that quick thought: **“How has God shown you mercy?”**

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In your opinion was any of it deserved?

For the Christian that answer might seem rather obvious—so let's go deeper—What and why—What did you answer, and why did you answer that question like you did?

So— after our conversation-- deserved or not?

Let's look at the same question, from a slightly different perspective—

Without answering— Quickly, the first thing that comes to your mind— **"How has someone shown you mercy?"**

Now, think about it— Deserved or not?

Why or why not?

Take a look at Luke 10, verses 36 and 37 again.

So, we are to go and do likewise. So let's **rewrite** our previous questions:

Without answering— Quickly, the first thing that comes to your mind— **"How have you shown someone mercy?"**

Changes the perspective a bit, doesn't it...?

If you want to answer, please feel free to share...

Thinking of God showing mercy, someone showing mercy, and now us showing mercy— lets end with this piece of Scripture:

James 2:12-13

How does that fit into our thoughts of showing and being shown mercy?

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