

# Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 6

## Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

## Read

Matthew 5:7

## Main Ideas

This week, we examined the fifth of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' words of blessing to the merciful. We heard how in Jesus' Kingdom, mercy is something that is both given to us from God and shared with others, as we offer forgiveness and aid to those who are in need.

As Kingdom Citizens, our displays of mercy reflect the mercy shown by Jesus on the cross, and that which is promised to those who belong to Him on Judgment Day.

## Icebreaker Question

- Outside of the Bible, what book has impacted your life the most?

## Discussion Questions

1. In one sentence or less, how would you define mercy? How is mercy similar to or different from grace and forgiveness?
2. As a group, read Matthew 18:21-35.
  - a. What is Jesus' point in telling this story? What is the failure of the servant in the parable?
  - b. What does Jesus mean in v. 22, that we are to forgive "77 times"?
  - c. How should we, as Christians, think about forgiveness differently than those who do not follow Jesus?
3. What examples of mercy are there from Jesus' life?
4. Can you think of a time where someone showed mercy to you? How did it impact you and your relationship with that person?
5. Can you think of a time where you showed mercy to someone else? What influenced that decision?
6. Can you think of someone that you have been withholding mercy from? What is keeping you from following in the example of Jesus?