

SERMON GUIDE

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Matthew 5:7

JESUS WELCOMES ONLY CERTAIN KINDS OF PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE HIS AWESOME ETERNAL KINGDOM.

OUTLINE

I am a citizen of Jesus' kingdom if (and only if)...

- 1. spiritual mercy is my position.**
- 2. spiritual blessing is my privilege.**
- 3. spiritual mercy is my promise.**

REFLECT

1. Consider that you can never out give God's mercy, and you can never give out enough mercy to earn mercy from God.
2. Think through and journal the ways that you have seen the supernatural mercy of God in your life.

PRAY

1. Ask God for opportunities to give mercy to specific people in your life that you have struggled to give mercy to.
2. Confess times when you have held back mercy from others.
3. Thank God for His mercies that are new each day.

DISCUSS

1. How obvious is it that you have received mercy, because you are marked by mercy?
2. How blessed horizontally are people by you because of how blessed vertically you have been by God?
3. Who would receive mercy from us if we believed that there would be blessing coming as promised in Matt 5:7?
4. How does Lamentations 3:22-24 communicate God's mercy?

