## "The Boomerang Blessing" October 23, 2022 "Blessed are merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7

Mercy Is	By God	Luke 6:36
Real Mercy Is	In	Micah 6:8
1. Merciful People Matthew 23:23-24		
2. Merciful People Matthew 18:21-35		
3. Merciful People Luke 10:25-37		

## **Next Steps For Next Week:**

Read Matthew 5:1-12 In Matthew 5-7, Jesus defines the values of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the introduction to this message, Jesus shares some Kingdom values that often times fly in the face of common sense. What are some of these values that you need to value more in your life?

Read Matthew 5:7 Mercy is not something that is highly valued in our culture. We have often heard coaches try to inspire their teams by saying, "Show no mercy!" And yet Jesus tells us that those who are merciful are truly blessed. What does "mercy" mean to you? When have you been "merciful?" When have you received "mercy?"

Read Luke 6:27-36 In this passage Jesus tells us to be merciful in a variety of situations that make no sense. Make a list of the different ways Jesus tells us to be merciful. Why should we be "merciful?" What should motivate and inspire or "mercy?"

Read 2 Samuel 11 What sins does King David commit and against whom? What about you? Do you have some "sins" that are eating away at you?

Read Psalm 51 David is filled with remorse for the sins listed in 2 Samuel 11. Psalm 51 is his confession as he comes to God asking for "mercy." Spend some time asking God for mercy, trusting God will forgive your sins according to His unfailing love.

Read Matthew 18:21-35 Forgiveness is an act of mercy. Now that you have experienced forgiveness, ask yourself whom you need to forgive. Take steps to forgive those people.

Read Luke 10:25-37 This is a story of sacrificial mercy. Who are the people that are not

"merciful?" Why is it surprising that the Samaritan man was merciful? In what ways was the Samaritan merciful? What did his acts of mercy cost him? To whom can you show mercy?

Read Titus 3:3-7 What promises do we receive because of God's mercy?