

The Character of God : Mercy

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Discussion Questions:

1. What movie can you watch over and over without ever getting tired of?
2. Do you feel that God has been merciful towards you? Share your favorite memory of God's mercy (please highlight the goodness/mercy of God and not the details of your sin - Keep it G-rated)
3. Please read the interesting story of Jonah (a prophet of God) in Jonah Chapters 1 & 2 and share how you feel this story demonstrates the mercy of God.
4. In what specific, current situation(s) is God calling you to a higher level of forgiveness and mercy?

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God is full of mercy:

Psalm 145:8 AMP

• If we perceive that God is not gracious, quick to anger and short on mercy:

1. We have an _____ idea of what God should do or tolerate
2. We have probably become _____ and we are in now in the position where we must reap the consequences of sin so that we can _____ to God

2 Corinthians 7:10 NKJV

It is God's Essential Character to be Merciful:

Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV

• God will still be merciful _____ years from now because it is His essential character and He doesn't change.

• _____ that you or I do can change God's essential _____!

Lamentations 3:22 ESV

Forgiveness and Mercy are Connected:

Daniel 9:9 NKJV
Exodus 34:6-7 NKJV

- Forgiveness is only necessary for someone who is _____.
- _____ is only applicable to someone who deserves punishment, but they don't get it. - it is a _____
- _____ can be more personal & emotional
- _____ is an action

Ephesians 4:32 NKJV

Forgiveness comes TO you so it can flow THROUGH you:

Matthew 6:14-15 NKJV

- When we _____ to forgive, we place the right & ability to avenge wrong into the hands of _____

Romans 12:19 NKJV

So What Do We Do With Mercy?:

Matthew 5:7 NKJV
Matthew 18:21-35 The Message

Mercy comes TO you so it can flow THROUGH you!

- Every one of us is _____ of sin.

Romans 3:23 NKJV
1 John 1:9 NKJV
John 8:36 NKJV

- Can you _____ & give yourself _____ is the real question!
- Have you ever thought that maybe you aren't that nice to others because you aren't that nice to yourself?

James 2:13 NKJV

¹³ For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. **Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

Just One Thing:

_____ the love, goodness, forgiveness & mercy of God toward you THEN _____ to those around you!