

*Be a*  
**DISCIPLE**

Mitchell Berean Church

Come and See (John 1:39)

Follow Me (John 1:43)

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Week 5

## **Week 5 - You Need To Give Mercy To Others**

In this campaign we are learning about the 4 chairs of Discipleship –

Chair 1 - Come and See (John 1:39)

Chair 2 - Follow Me (John 1:43)

Chair 3 - Become a Fisher of People (Matt 4:19)

Chair 4 - Go Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

As Disciples of Jesus we are asking these 2 questions throughout this campaign:

What chair are you in?

What chair do you need to move towards?

Our lessons throughout these eight weeks will focus on the Eight Attitudes we need to have in order to GROW in our relationship with God.

*Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.*

**This week we look at the fifth attitude that puts us in a position to be blessed by God. The fifth attitude that puts us in a position to be blessed by God is to recognize that You Need to Give Mercy To Others in your life.**

The definition of Mercy is “Not Getting What You Deserve.”

Another way to put it is to Let People Off The Hook of getting what they deserve. Justice matters and making things right is important. As you walk with Jesus and realize how much He lets you off the hook in your life you will grow your heart to show mercy to others.

Jesus also modeled for us how to show mercy to others as he lived this life.

**Have someone read these verses:**

John 8:1-11

1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, 2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. 3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

4 “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

11 “No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

Jesus gave mercy in this story. He held her life in his hands and he moved to back her accusers down rather than go with their accusations and condemn her.

**Have someone read these verses:**

Micah 6:6-8

What can we bring to the Lord?

Should we bring him burnt offerings?

Should we bow before God Most High  
with offerings of yearling calves?

7 Should we offer him thousands of rams  
and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Should we sacrifice our firstborn children  
to pay for our sins?

8 No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,  
and this is what he requires of you:

to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

**Questions:**

1. When was a time you remember being let off the hook and not given the punishment or consequence you deserved?
2. How did it feel to not get punished for something you did wrong?
3. Can you remember a time you let someone off the hook for something they did wrong to you?
4. Was that easy or hard to do?
5. What makes it hard for us to forgive or show mercy to others?
6. What does it do to our hearts when we don't show mercy?
7. How do you make sure your heart stays soft towards others so you can show mercy at the appropriate times?
8. Is there someone you need to let off the hook right now?

As you pray together tonight, encourage everyone to share a need. As you pray, ask everyone to pray with their hands open with their palms up, as a physical way of showing our need for God's provision and help.

**Weekly Challenge:**

This week I want you to seriously consider letting someone off the hook:

1. Read your Bible every day this week and look for righteous thoughts and actions that are talked about in the scripture you read.
2. Spend time Praying every day this week. Ask God to grow your heart to show mercy to others easily.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you someone you need to let off the hook.
4. Seek to become a person who lets others off the hook easily and who does not need everyone to pay for the things they do wrong.