Jesus lays out several specific examples of what it looks like to love our enemies. How can you use these examples to help you identify ways you can love your enemies? In what situations do you most want to retaliate instead of show mercy? What can you do this week to show love and mercy to an enemy in your life?

# **BE MERCIFUL**

April 21, 2024

Luke 6:27-36

# I AM CALLED TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_ IS MERCIFUL TO ME.

I. When it is not \_\_\_\_\_ – be merciful. – v. 27-31

Jesus compares the way the world loves to how His followers should love. What is the defining difference between the two? Think about how you most often love others. What does this reveal about what/who you are living for? What great reward do you think Jesus is talking about here and why?

# 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful is Jesus's purpose behind this whole teaching. Pastor Micah listed three ways being merciful helps us follow Jesus. How can you grow in one of these three areas by being merciful?

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Be merciful because \_\_\_\_\_, require mercy.

Be merciful and receive a

111. When it is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ – be merciful. – v. 35-36

# **BE MERCIFUL**

#### SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

### 1. STUDY THE WORD

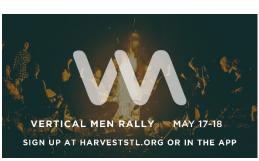
Read Luke 6:27-36. Jesus's teaching in this section is very counterintuitive. What makes it difficult for you to accept and apply some of these teachings? (Think about your personality, upbringing, beliefs, temperament, etc...) How does the context of this section, especially vs. 35-36, impact your understanding of the Golden Rule?

## Be Merciful to...

Be merciful as is merciful.

# **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$8,876 This Month: \$23,338 Last Month: \$62.648 Monthly Budget: \$44,759



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## 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Jesus leads off this section with the command to love your enemies. Who are your enemies? What in this section and surrounding scripture helps you identify them? Pastor Micah told us to do what love does to feel what love feels. What does that mean and how does it relate to Jesus's teaching to love our enemies?

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