



## Beyond Sunday

### Sermon Study Series

#### Engage

**Describe a time in your life when someone showed you great mercy. How did that affect your relationship?**

***Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon***

#### Learn

##### **Read the Text**

1. *Read Matthew 5:3-10 - which beatitude jumps out to you? Why is it significant to you today?*
2. *Read Matthew 5:7 - how do you understand this verse?*
3. *Read Matthew 9:9-13. What does Jesus mean when he says, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice?"*
4. *Jesus told the Pharisees to "go and learn what this means: 'I desire Mercy, not sacrifice.'" How does someone go and learn this principle?*

#### Deepen

***How would you describe mercy to your non-Christian friend? Can you explain it in terms of your own experience of mercy?***

***Pastor Keith said, "Mercy sees, then mercy does." What do you think the merciful see and then what do they do? Be specific and exhaustive.***

***What are some of the reasons you find it hard to be merciful to a stranger? What about someone you know who has hurt you?***

***What do you think being merciful accomplishes in this world?***

#### Live

*In a moment of quiet prayer and journaling, take time to ask God two questions: Who do you want me to see? And What do you want me to do? Write down everything that comes to your mind.*

*How will you extend mercy to someone in need this week? Who are they? What will you do?*

*Spend time praying into these commitments, asking for his strength to be truly merciful.*

*Optional Follow-up: Read, The Return of The Prodigal Son, by Henri Nouwen.*