

SERMON OUTLINE

BLESSED...The Blessing of Being Merciful

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. – Matt. 5:7 (NIV)

1. The Hebrew word for _____ is Chesed. It means lovingkindness, steadfast love, compassion, giving oneself fully with love and compassion. (1 Peter 1:3)
 - God has (and continues to have) mercy on _____! (Lamentations 3:22-23)
 - Because of God's _____, we are to show _____...as we live for him. (Romans 12:1)

2. Jesus tells a parable about an un-_____ servant. (Matthew 18:21-35)
 - The master showed _____ for an enormous debt! (Matthew 18:23-27)
 - The man was shown _____ but did not show _____ to others! (Matthew 18:28-30)
 - The master was _____ pleased with the unmerciful man! (Matthew 18:31-35)

3. What does the blessing of being _____ look like? (Matthew 18:33)
 - When you are merciful, you will be _____ with others. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
 - When you are merciful, you will _____ those who stumble. (Colossians 3:13)
 - When you are merciful, you will _____ those who are hurting. (1 John 3:18)
 - When you are merciful, you will _____ your enemies. (Luke 6:35-36)

4. Action steps:
 - I will thank God daily for His _____ on me!
 - I will focus on those around me that I can show _____ to!
 - I will pray for and be _____ to those who I see as enemies!