

Miracle Of Mercy: 8 of 8
"Being An Agent Of Mercy"
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
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Sermon Teaching

"God made you **alive** with Christ, for **He forgave all our sins**. He **canceled** the record of the charges against us and took it away by **nailing** it to the cross."
Colossians 2:13b-14 (NLT2) Remember Verse

Big Idea: To Value God's Mercy, I Must Understand The Cost Of The Cross

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." **Luke 6:36 (NIV)**

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **Acts 1:8 (NLT2)**

I Can Be An Agent Of Mercy When:

1. I Look For People In Crisis And _____

"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." **Matthew 9:10-13 (NIV)**

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, **thinking of others** as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in **others**, too. You must have the **same attitude** that Christ Jesus had."

Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

2. I Look For People Who Are Grieving And _____

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed." **Psalms 34:18 (NLT2)**

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our **merciful** Father and the **source of all comfort**. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." **2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT2)**

“Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.”

Hebrews 13:3 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

3. I Look For The Opportunity To _____

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer **hospitality** to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:8-10 (NIV)**

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will **separate** the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on His left."

Matthew 25:31-33 (NIV)

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are **blessed** by my Father; take your **inheritance**, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was **hungry** and you gave me something to eat, I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to drink, I was a **stranger** and you invited me in, I needed **clothes** and you clothed me, I was **sick** and you looked after me, I was in **prison** and you came to visit me.' **Matthew 25:34-36 (NIV)**

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, **when** did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the **least** of these brothers of mine, you did for **me**.'

Matthew 25:37-40 (NIV)

Notes: _____

➤ How Can I Be An Agent Of Mercy?

My next right step, I can be an agent of mercy by:

- Serving at Kid's Camp June 17-21, 8:30 am-12:00 pm
- By showing hospitality to others at home and at church
- Dedicating my child/family on June 16
- Accepting Jesus as my personal Savior
- Going public with my faith in Believer's Baptism July 7

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

Big Idea: To Value God’s Mercy, I Must Understand The Cost Of The Cross

Open your group with a prayer.

Icebreaker: When you were a child, what expression of care did you find most comforting?

Family Corner:

[Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Choose only one passage to keep everyone’s attention. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

I Can Be An Agent Of Mercy When:

1. I Look For People In Crisis And Listen To Them

Read Matthew 9:10-13

Why did Jesus reach out to sinners?

Why would spending time with the outcasts be a form of mercy?

How can I be more present when I am with people?

Read Philippians 2:3-5

How is, looking out for the interest of others, an expression of mercy?

How did Jesus look out for our interests?

Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-8

Why is it important to restore people when they turn back to God?

2. I Look For People Who Are Grieving And Comfort Them

Read Psalm 34:18

How does God feel when I am hurting?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

In what areas has God brought me comfort?
Financial? Health? Relationships? Loss?

How can I use my experience to comfort others?

Read Hebrews 13:3

How is my empathy towards others?

What would help me to grow in this area?

3. I Look For The Opportunity To Show Hospitality Read 1 Peter 4:8-10

What does it mean to love deeply?

How can I help others feel more comfortable at church?
At work?
At home?

Read Matthew 25:31-36

How does Jesus identify the sheep?

What habits do I have that help me show mercy to others?

Read Matthew 25:37-40

How can I show mercy this week?

Who can I help?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
