



3Group Discussion Resources

For the week of October 19, 2020

3Groups are centered around three main rhythms of apprenticeship from which we take our **CUE**. Allow plenty of time to share life with one another through conversation and catching up from the previous week. Listen to each person and hear how they have experienced victory and where they feel defeated. Use the questions below to help facilitate your discussion.

Courageous vulnerability

This weekend, Pastor Ryan suggested that there is an intimate connection between showing mercy to others and receiving mercy in our own lives. Mercy is defined as a willingness to endure suffering for the benefit of another, particularly those who have caused us pain. Take a moment and have each person in your group answer one of the following questions.

- The area in which it is hardest for me to receive mercy is...
- The people to whom I find hardest to show mercy is...Why?
- I struggle with giving and receiving mercy because...

Understanding and applying God's Word

Read Matthew 5:7 as a group. Take some time to answer the following questions.

- Where is Jesus inviting us to see ourselves and others in a new way?
- What do these realities reveal about God's heart for us?
- Where do I most want to resist what Jesus is saying in this passage?
- What do I find in Jesus' words most difficult to believe?
- What would it look like to align my life with Jesus' perspective in a given situation?

Experiences that encourage us to live as apprentices of Jesus

Take a few moments with your group to complete this exercise. Take a closer look at the places of mercy in your life. In the first section, consider your hurt that has been caused by others. Feel it, own



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it, and write it down, acknowledging its presence. Are you really ready to show mercy? Be honest.

In the second section, ask Jesus to reveal places where He has shown you mercy. Again, write them down in an attitude of contrition and humility, acknowledging they are there.

Finally, compare the two lists. Do you notice any themes? Where might Jesus be inviting you to mercy?