

radical mercy

Luke 6.36-42

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.



PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read Luke 6.36-42

What are the two most striking things in this reading?

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What puzzles you the most in this reading?

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How does this reading make you **feel**?

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What do you **think** in response to this reading?

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What will you **do** in response to this reading?

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time

mercy and grace | read Luke 6.36-38 – [check to see if anyone had a stand-out, or something puzzling from this section]

▸ Who is the model for mercy? Why should **you** follow His model?

▸ What is the opposite of judging and condemning? What is your default (judging or forgiving) and why do you think that is?

▸ In context what do you think Jesus has in mind that you will give and receive (v36)? To what extent is mercy given by citizens in God's Kingdom?

learning mercy | read Luke 6.39-40 – [check to see if anyone had a stand-out, or something puzzling from this section]

▸ Who should we follow when it comes to mercy? How are you going at being fully trained, becoming like your teacher?

showing mercy | read Luke 6.41-42 – [check to see if anyone had a stand-out, or something puzzling from this section]

▸ Do you find you are more likely to have high standards for others but excuse/forgive yourself, or, have high standards for yourself and excuse/forgive others? What is Jesus advocating here?

▸ Can you never help correct a brother or sister? When are you well placed to do this?

Think it through: radical mercy

▸ Discuss practical examples of putting radical mercy into practice in your life and why you desire to pursue this:

PRAY!