

FEAST

ON MERCY

SUMMARY:

Our sermon series, *Feast*, takes place during the season of Lent, which is a 40-day period of time in which we prepare our hearts for Easter. It's a time of self-examination, reflection, and repentance so that we can follow Jesus at a deeper level.

This week we reached the culmination of Lent as we gathered to celebrate the resurrection of King Jesus! We serve a risen Savior who bestows mercy on us. Feasting on mercy means that King Jesus defeated sin and death; and as a result, we are made alive in Him. Not only are we given new life, we are also seated in the heavenlies with Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In this sermon, Pastor Derwin tells us that Jesus came to fight...only He did not come to fight against us. He came to fight for us. His weapon is mercy. Mercy is the gift of God's undeserved kindness and compassion. Take a moment to discuss: why are we in need of mercy in the first place?

Read Hebrews 1:3.

- What is sin and how do we know it has power over us? In what ways is sin manifested in our world today?
- What does it mean to receive "purification" of our sin? How does this truth set you free?

Read Hebrews 2:14-15.

- Why did Jesus become "flesh and blood"? Why was it necessary?
- As Christ-followers, how do we now think of death?

Read Ephesians 2:1-6.

- It is often said that salvation from sin is not about going from "bad to good," rather it is about going from "dead to alive." Talk about the differences between the two and the implications of what it means to go from death to life.
- What is the reason God made us alive? (*Look at verse 4*)

- God's mercy and love are the key to salvation. It's not about our performance, but about His mercy. Take a moment to reflect on and celebrate that truth!
- What does it mean to be seated in the heavenly realms with Jesus?
 - *According to R.J. Utley: "Believers have already been raised with Christ. Believers were buried with Him in baptism (cf. Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-11) and raised with Him by the Father (cf. Col. 2:13; Rom. 6:4-5) who raised Jesus. These are special redemptive analogies. Believers spiritually participate in the major events of Jesus' experience: baptism, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, and enthronement! Believers share His life and suffering; they will also share His glory.*
 - *If you have not been baptized, to symbolically share in the burial and resurrection of Jesus, talk with your small group leader about how you can take that next step. <https://transformationchurch.tc/baptism/>*

End your time praying and giving thanks for God's mercy.

Soul Tattoo: Feast on mercy!