



KINGDOM CITIZENS
EMBODYING THE CHARACTER OF GOD IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

Kingdom Citizens are Merciful

SUMMARY:

We live in a time of political division, but as Christ-followers we can be beacons of hope pointing to our true citizenship in heaven that has been given to us in Jesus. In this Sunday's message Pastor Derwin shared that Kingdom citizens can live in light of the mercy of God. Kingdom citizens receive mercy and extend mercy as ambassadors and heirs.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 5:7 and Psalm 103:8.

- What is mercy? How does it compare to similar words like grace, kindness, forgiveness, and compassion?
- Who is being merciful in these verses?
- How does the LORD show mercy?

Read Ephesians 2:1-5.

- These verses describe us as being dead and alive. What made us dead? What makes us alive?
- Why is God merciful to us?
- What have we done to receive mercy? (See v.5)

Read Matthew 6:12;14-15.

- These verses indicate something more than a set of rules for what is required to receive mercy (See Ephesians 2:5). What do they tell us about how Kingdom Citizens operate?
- What happens to you when you choose not to give mercy?
- What happens to you when you do choose to give mercy?
- How can your forgiveness of others serve to tell people about God's mercy?

Read Micah 7:18-20 and Galatians 3:29.

- Micah is worshipping God by telling God of His mercy. What kind of mercy has God shown you? Take a moment to worship Him for that.
- This mercy that Micah knew was for God's special people from the lineage of Abraham. What does Galatians 3:29 tell us about our place as children of Abraham?
- Think about a person in your life who needs to hear that they can become an heir of God's promised mercy. What is one specific thing you can do this week to share that good news with them?
- Think about a person who is already a follower of Christ that needs a reminder of God's promised mercy. What is one specific thing you can do this week to remind them of this good news?

SOUL TATTOO: Be merciful.

ACTION STEP: Worship God who is merciful.