

**(New) Normal**

Choose the format that works with your family:

Pick a few questions and ask casually during the week, Have a small group discussion at lunch, or Have a small group with your teen and their friends.  
Take what your teens give you, don't force it. Slowly create a culture of authentic conversation.

## MATTHEW 5:7 | June 13 | Week FIVE

### MERCY

**THE TEXT** | *Matthew 5:7; Exodus 34:6; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5; Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 4:2*

**PLAY** | NO MERCY | Play a game of Spicy UNO. A version that has extra rules that makes it easier to stick others with extra cards. Be relentless with the rules, showing no mercy, to set up the discussion. Spicy UNO rules: play stacks or daisy chain rules, 5's (last person to slap table get 2 cards, 7's (no talking until another 7 is played, or 2 cards), Jump Ins (play the same color & number and skip over everyone).

**Discussion Lead In:** In what ways was this game merciless?

**SHARE** | Share about a time where you received mercy?

**DISCUSS** | Read **Titus 3:4-7** and discuss:

- What stands out to you?
- What does it reveal about God?
- What does this tell us about our nature?
- What do you like/dislike about this verse?
- What do you need to do about this truth this week?

*Use the above questions to discuss any of today's Scriptures.*

**PRAY** |

As a family, pray through Matthew 5:1-12, asking God to create these realities in you.  
God, help me be...a peacemaker, etc....

*Series Summary - Talk about what you've learned so far |*

**BLESSED** = GOD'S FACE LOOKING MY WAY PLEASED

**POUR** = ANAWIM

**MOURN** = SEVERE GRIEF OVER OUR SIN THAT CAN NOT BE HIDDEN

**MEEK** = STRENGTH UNDER CONTROL

**RIGHTEOUSNESS** = IMPUTED & IMPARTED

**MERCY** = AN ATTITUDE OF COMPASSION & ACTION OF KINDNESS TOWARD THE UNDESERVING

Use these questions to rehash the topics...

- Where does righteousness come from?
- How are we made righteous and at the same time being made righteous?

## WHAT IS MERCY?

### WHAT MERCY LOOKS LIKE

1. ROMANS 5:8
2. EPHESIANS 2:4-5
3. TITUS 3:4-7
4. EPHESIANS 4:2

*Read each passage and discuss the connection of God's mercy and showing mercy to others:*

- What is the result of mercy in this passage?
- What is the motivation for mercy in this passage?
- What action do you need to take according to this passage?

### TALKITOVER

“how much mercy you show is determined by how much mercy you know.”

## PARENT CHECK I

Sometimes parenting seems to be a balancing act between justice and mercy. We want our children to understand the weight and consequences of wrong doing, but yet at the same time we want them to experience love, forgiveness and mercy to know they are loved and valued. Knowing when to extend mercy to our children comes from spending time with Jesus, the embodiment of both Truth and GRACE (John 1:14)