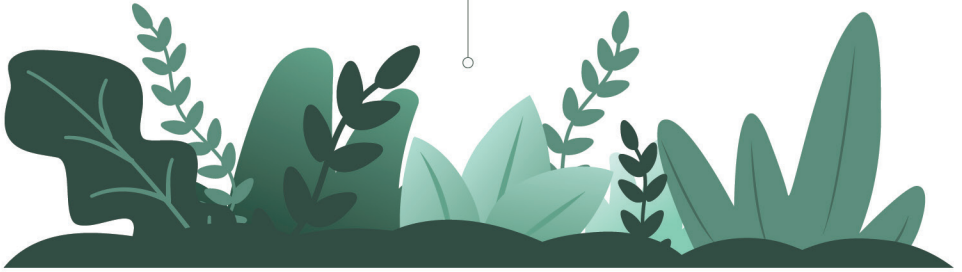
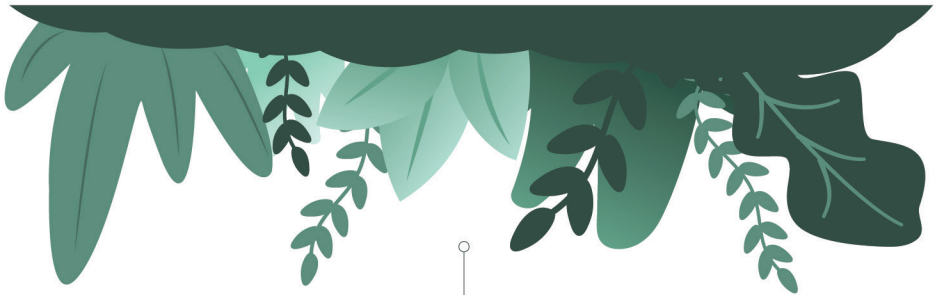

BLESSED ARE THE



merciful



“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

MATTHEW 5:7

THOSE WHO ARE MERCIFUL

Definition

Those who demonstrate forgiveness toward the guilty and kindness for the hurting and needy.*

Declaration Of Faith

We believe that your kingdom is not like this world. For those who extend mercy will not be counted as fools but as wise and they themselves will find it in their time of need. And their mercy will flavor the earth with its saltiness and shine as a light on a hill.

Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we acknowledge that you are holy and the ways of your kingdom are right. Bring your kingdom without delay. Help us now to extend to others the mercy we receive from you. Provide for all our needs as we extend mercy rather than seeking revenge. Forgive us when we withhold the mercy of Jesus. Grant that as we show mercy to one another, we would be salt and light to any outside your kingdom that they too may enter and join us. Amen.

Discussion Questions

While Jesus was on earth, when did He demonstrate mercy?

What stands out about Him in these moments?

Are there certain people or occasions that make mercy difficult for you?

Action

Take some time and ask the Lord to help you identify someone for whom you could conduct an act of service. This could be as simple as delivering coffee to someone or completing a chore for someone experiencing a busy season.

Memorize Matthew 5:7

Expand His Kingdom

Is there someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus that might benefit from what this passage taught you?

* Wilkins, M. J. (2004). Matthew (p. 205). Zondervan Publishing House.