

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Series: The Beatitudes

– Matthew 5:7 –

The Setting and Review. . .

I. THE EXPLANATION – *What does it mean to be merciful?*

DEFINITION:

“Mercy is _____ leading to _____.”

II. THE EXPRESSION – *How does ‘merciful’ act?*

APPLICATION:

“If am merciful. . .”

1. I’ll be _____ with the _____.
2. I’ll _____ those who have _____.
3. I’ll _____ those who are _____.
4. I’ll _____ my _____.

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. It’s been said that “the human heart resists nothing more than change.” What truths from this beatitude – truths that could require some changes in your life – cause some degree of hesitation and resistance in you?
3. How does the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:27-37) show the difference between showing mercy and not showing mercy?
4. How does that description of mercy challenge you?
5. How could you consciously practice Jesus-like love/mercy this week? With your family? At church? In politics? In social issues? In a difficult relationship? A person in need?
6. How would doing this affect your own need for love and mercy?