

Every Good Gift – Mercy

Accompanies the 12/12/21 Sermon

The Gift of Mercy

Last week we read about Mary's Joyful song, now we turn our attention to Zachariah's prophetic song of worship. He praises God for his mercy and fulfilled promises. This week we will discuss how Jesus is the living embodiment of God's mercy that saves.


GETTING STARTED

Use the following question to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- Have you ever played the childhood game of mercy where someone pins you down and you must beg for mercy to be released?
 - How does it feel to ask for mercy?
 - How does it feel to be the giver of mercy?

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpack its meaning.

 Have someone in your group **Luke 1:67-80**

- What about these verses stood out to you?
- Who was the source of inspiration for Zechariah's song? (1:67)
- All parents are excited for a new child, why was Zachariah's especially overjoyed?
- How is salvation described in these verses?
- According to verse 78 why did God send us salvation?

GETTING PRACTICAL

1. What stood out to you about this week's message on this topic?
 - a. Why did you find that so impactful?
2. How would you describe mercy?
3. How has God brought you mercy in this past year?
4. What has God's mercy meant to you?
5. How can you extend compassion to others as Christ has compassion for us?