**Mercy… Me?!**

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy”

**Defining Mercy:** compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm. (Withholding judgment that one deserves)

To be empathetic with another and then moved to compassion.

 Empathy = em + pathos

 Entering into suffering

 Compassion = com + pathos

 Alongside of suffering

**What would I want if I were in their shoes?**

**This is what Jesus does for us at the cross.**

**The opposite of mercy is judgment.**

 Krino: To cut, divide, separate,

 Judgment vs discernment

 **Mercy moves towards --- judgment moves away.**

“A man cannot raise himself up above any other man or set himself before him as a model, for he knows himself to be the greatest of all sinners. He can excuse the sin of another, but never his own.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Luke 10:30-37

**This is what we are to do for others.**

 1 John 3:16

 Micah 6:8

**Mercy, Me?**

 Have you experienced this great mercy of God in your own life?

 How can you live this blessed life this week in your life?

 Who might you reveal the Kingdom of God to as you show mercy this week?