

to BE... or NOT... Part 5 Small Group Questions

1. We are supposed to give God's mercy to others, but the only way to do that is to experience God's mercy ourselves. Have you allowed God's mercy to fully invade your heart? How has His mercy affected you?
2. Mercy is completely opposite to the culture we live in. If someone were to look at your life, or your posts on social media, or anything else, would that communicate God's mercy or would that communicate the same dog-eat-dog attitude of the world?
3. Read these sobering words from James: *"You will be judged on whether or not you are doing what Christ wants you to. So watch what you do and what you think; for there will be no mercy to those who have shown no mercy. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you."* **James 2:12-13 (TLB)** What justifications and excuses do you use to not give out mercy?
4. Who is one person you need to show mercy to?
5. What does "going the extra mile" in mercy look like practically in your most challenging relationships?