



# Community Group Discussion

The following questions pertain to teaching at Hillside Church on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Title:** “Happy by mercy”

**Text:** Matthew 5:7

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1. What is an experience of mercy that you have had? Why did it happen and what was the effect?
2. What are some examples of mercy-less behavior within our society?
3. What are some examples of mercy-full behavior within our society?
4. How might we apply Micah 6:8 in our 21<sup>st</sup> century US context?
5. Does showing mercy mean we sometimes downplay the issue of justice (. . . or punishment or consequences, etc.)?
6. How much is our forgiveness (experience of mercy from God) dependent upon our being willing to show mercy to others? What are the implications of holding a grudge or refusing to forgive?  
*(James 2:12-13; Matthew 6:12,14-15; Matthew 18:35)*
7. Why do people find it hard to forgive someone who has offended them?
8. What will you do differently this coming week in response to considering this passage(s) of Scripture?