



Jesus Teaches Us How to Bee

The Fifth Beatitude – Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Read: Psalm 112:1-5

Discuss: Have you ever wanted to stay mad at someone? You might have wanted them to know how wrong they were or have them acknowledge your feelings. Whatever the reason, you just didn't want to forgive. But can you also remember a time someone forgave you? How did that feel? The Bible tells us that God is slow to anger and abounding in love. Since we are to be like Him, that means we should be like that, too. And being merciful, forgiving, helps us achieve that goal. Why do you think God will show us mercy after we give mercy?

This psalm is all about a life that puts God first. We can only be merciful when we put God's desires first. And we learn all about His desires and the life of Jesus when we study the Bible. If we put our own wants and needs first, we would probably be less likely to show mercy to others. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Pray:

Praise God for being merciful to you time and again. Say sorry for anything you have or have not done recently. Ask for God's help in showing mercy to others.