

Marinating in God's Word: Matthew 5:7, 9:9-13

Where Jesus is there is blessing. It's basic to our new life in him. So we're exploring all the ways he blesses us, using his blessings in the gospels. For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- As you grew up were your parents merciful? Was their mercy tilted more toward tough love or indulgence – or did they balance well? What was the impact of their mercy (in whatever mix) upon you?
- The world often cautions us against too much mercy. Why?
- In this blessing Jesus tied together giving and receiving mercy. Why? When we both give and receive mercy, how does the Lord's blessing upon us manifest itself?
- What Christians do you know about or know personally who are known for their mercy? What sort of non-believer is best reached through such a witness of mercy?
- Where do you see the need for mercy in your own social circles and family? Where do you see the need for mercy in our city and country?

Next Sunday we will focus upon Matthew 5:9.