



**Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide:
SERMON ON THE MOUNT 3.4.2018**

1. Think about a time when you questioned a contribution that you made to someone's life or to a good cause. Why do we tend to minimize the importance of our contributions? How much would you have to give in order to feel like it was "enough"?
2. Read Matthew 5:7
3. The word "blessed" means "fortunate" or even "happy." Do you think that people who show mercy are described as "happy"? Or should we consider them happy because they will be shown mercy? Is there a difference?
4. Suzanne shared that while grace and mercy are both about love, grace is for the undeserving and mercy for the helpless. To show mercy, we first have to acknowledge the suffering of others. How is it difficult at times to acknowledge that others are suffering?
5. After acknowledging that others are suffering, many of us sympathize with them, but sometimes we don't get beyond sympathy -- that we do not take action. Why does it seem difficult to get involved?
6. Read Amos 5:21-24
7. What do you think these verses reveal about God's heart?
8. How does showing mercy reveal righteousness?
9. Who (or what groups) do you feel called to show mercy to? What about them makes you want to show mercy? What are ways you can show them mercy?

Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. If you or someone in your group is comfortable, give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.