

The Beatitudes: The Merciful

B.L.A.S.T. - Journal Sheet - January 2010

Please complete and bring to February B.L.A.S.T.

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy."

Have you found it difficult to show forgiveness to others this month?

How about showing undeserved love this month?

Why do you think it is difficult?

Read Mark 2:13-17

- Who did Jesus eat with?
- Why did the Pharisees get so upset about Jesus eating with these people?
- Do you think Jesus was showing mercy? Why or why not?
- What did Jesus say He came to do (vs. 17)?

> Jesus showed mercy to sinners like you and me. Was He shown the same love and mercy? Read Matthew 27:22-26.

> Jesus knew the people would not have mercy on Him, and yet, He loved us so much, that He had mercy anyway.

→ Pray and ask God if there is someone He wants you to show Christ's love to this week, even if they don't deserve it. Who is it?

→ In what ways can you show this person mercy?

> Sometimes, trying to find ways to show love to others can be tough. Here is a passage that might help you. Write out Luke 6:31 below.

In what ways has God revealed his love to you this month?