



PART 7: Mercy Amnesia

INTRODUCTION

How do we become the kind of people that show kindness and mercy to people that might not look like us, have our background, or views on life? How do you have a dissenting view with someone else and yet still sit at the table together? This week we talked about how we extend mercy from the mercy which has been extended to us.

NINETY EXTRA

Did you check out this week's audio journey? If so, here are some icebreakers related to what you saw and heard:

1. Has one of life's storms ever caused you to grow in your faith? If so, how?
2. Has someone different from you ever gone out of their way to include you? If so, how did you respond?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Was there a person or people, who got under your skin growing up? What was it about that person or group of people that you found hard to get along with?
2. Talk about a time when you were in the wrong and needed forgiveness and the person you were seeking forgiveness from wouldn't give it to you?
3. Can you think of a time that you did something you really wish you hadn't to another person that required an apology? Would you share your experience with the group?
4. Do you find that it's harder to forgive others when they've wronged you or seek forgiveness when you are in the wrong? Why do you think that is?
5. Read Matthew 18:23-35. In verse 26, how would you describe the servant and the situation? How would you feel if you were in the servant's place? Has there ever been in a situation where someone greatly forgave you? Tell us about it.
6. In verse 29, the servant who'd been forgiven by the king comes to collect a debt from his fellow servants. What was the servants response when a fellow servant couldn't pay his debts in full? Why do you think that is?
7. When was the last time you really felt you needed God's forgiveness? What was your response to His forgiveness and how can it better impact you going forward?
8. Is there someone that needs your forgiveness? What's holding you back?
9. How can we pray for one another this week?

MOVING FORWARD

We like to be right, we like to be just, but are we merciful? The only way to become a merciful person is to fully accept the mercy that is available to you and to me. To become a merciful person, we must be full of the mercy we have received and let that overflow through us.

WEEKLY READING

Spend some time this week reading and reflecting on John 4.