

## Adult Impact Study Sheet

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January 29, 2023

If possible, read **Matthew 5:7** from several translations.

For additional insight go to [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org) and [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org).

*We're studying Matthew 5:1-12 during the Sundays of January through February focusing on different verses each week. It is suggested that you read the entire portion each time you complete your study sheets to profit from the context.*

1. Regarding being merciful, David Jeremiah writes, "In the world, happiness is found in the pursuit of happiness for self: but joy in the kingdom is found in the pursuit of love and service to others...sympathy for those in need."<sup>1</sup> Discuss his thought.

What other definitions might we give for 'merciful'?

2. "In a sense we have so far been looking at the Christian in terms of his need, of his consciousness of his need....Now we are concerned more with his disposition, which results from everything that has gone before."<sup>2</sup> Discuss this statement.

3. The beatitudes speak more about being than doing. Why is that important?

How does the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22-25) relate to the beatitudes we're discussing?

4. Discuss being merciful in light of 1 Peter 4:8, "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

5. In considering grace and mercy, discuss this statement, "While grace looks down upon sin as a whole, mercy looks especially upon the miserable consequences of sin."<sup>3</sup>

6. Grace upon grace. Mercy upon mercy. How does that give us understanding on "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

<sup>1</sup> David Jeremiah, *Destination*, p. 387

<sup>2</sup> D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 80

<sup>3</sup> D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 84

*Next week: Matthew 5:8*