

"A Cup of Mercy"

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. <p>Getting To Know You</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Dave said that we are asked to filter most world events (and our response) through the lens of our “tribe”. How have you seen this play out in your own life? Has it caused any issues in your family or relationships? If so, how? 	<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 25:31-46 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Dave made the statement that the evidence for how much we love God and self will be demonstrated by the way we treat others. How does Jesus’ description of the Final Judgement show that? How do we square this with passages like Romans 10:9 that say that we just need to “believe” and “confess” to be saved?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke 10:25-37 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did learning about the history of Jews and Samaritans help you understand why they hated each other so much? If so, what was helpful? Why would making a Samaritan the “hero” of the story (and not the religious figures) be so shocking to the original audience? How did Jesus explain what a true neighbor is (Luke 10:36)? 	<p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are a group of people (or a person) you have a difficult time showing mercy to and why? How could you apply the lesson of this parable to taking some sort of action to serve that group of people or person? How would doing require you to have a <i>correct</i> love of self? How would doing this lead to a more <i>complete</i> love of God? Does this help you to see the connection between the three “loves”? Why or why not? Prayer: Pray for our country. Pray for our leaders. Pray for the world. Pray for each other.