

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

Tell us about some things which have brought you joy in the past week.

1. Why do you think we are each so double-minded about who gets to receive mercy, be that ours or God's?
2. Pastor Tom shared many examples of the role prayer played in Jesus' life and ministry. (Review list in message notes.) What thoughts does that spark about your own prayer life?
3. When you think of Jesus praying for Peter (**Luke 22:31-32, 61-62**) despite what was coming, how does this give you confidence of Him extending mercy to you when you fail (sin)?
4. "But Jesus prayed for Peter...and when Jesus prays for people, it makes all the difference." (Read **Luke 24:8-12a**). Peter had not yet had his restorative beach-front reunion with Jesus yet...so why was he running to the tomb? (**John 21:1-19**)
5. Jesus is tirelessly praying for you (**Hebrews 7:25, 9:24-26**) and "The focus of His prayers for us is on our greatest need = forgiveness and freedom from guilt and shame." What are some areas where you need to welcome God's mercy into your life?
6. As you *personally* experience the mercy of Jesus, how can you then extend that same mercy in practical ways to those around you?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: [Matthew 6](#) [Psalm 95](#)

Day Two: [Leviticus 5](#); [Proverbs 2](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 1](#); [2 Samuel 15](#)

Day Four: [1 Peter 3](#); [Jeremiah 29](#)

Day Five: [Job 33](#); [Acts 11](#)

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- He prayed before His _____ public preaching ministry (note **Mark 1:35-38**).
- He prays all night before choosing 12 disciples (note **Luke 6:12-13a**).
- He prays before feeding both the 5,000 (**John 6:11**) and the 4,000 (**Mark 8:6**).
- After feeding the 5,000 He prayed alone _____ into the evening (note **Matthew 14:22-23**).
- He prayed His High _____ prayer... (**John 17**).
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- He was praying when He was _____ (note **Luke 9:28-29**).
- He prayed _____ little children (note **Mark 10:13-16**).
- He prayed _____ Jerusalem (note **Matthew 23:37-39**).
- He taught His disciples to pray (note **Luke 11:1-2a**).
- Note **Hebrews 5:7**

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He is never too _____, too distracted, or too uninterested to pray for you (note **Romans 8:33-34**).

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Our responsibility (note **1 John 1:8-9**).

At that moment, Jesus _____ for us (note **1 John 2:1**)...

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