



## Group Leader Questions for RCC Message on 2/9/2020

1. If you had to describe someone who you love (parent, spouse, child, etc.) in less than ten words, what would that description be?
2. Ask for a volunteer to read **Exodus 33:17-34:8**.
3. When you were growing up, what did you think was God's default disposition toward you? Have those thoughts changed through the years? If so, how?
4. When God describes Himself, why do you think that He began with "merciful and gracious?"
5. Shannon said that merciful (or compassionate) is a feeling, while *gracious* is an action. It's something that you do. How can we sometimes be merciful and *not* gracious? How can we sometimes be gracious and *not* merciful?
6. Maybe you were a part of the Wednesday night study last fall in Jonah. If so, then you remember hearing over and over that it's not a story about a whale (or a great fish). What is the book of Jonah a story about? (**Jonah 3:10-4:2**)
7. Is there anyone in your life who, if God were to bless them (or maybe He already has), it would make you angry? If you are willing to share, why is that?
8. Does Jesus' image of God as a "Father who runs to his son" change our thinking about God's default setting?
9. Do you think it's possible to "be merciful, even as your Father is merciful?" (Luke 6:36)
10. What can you do tomorrow to "clothe yourself with compassion?"
11. *[End study & discussion time when you feel it is time]*
12. *[Turn over meeting to the Prayer/Care leader for group prayer requests.]*
13. *[For prayer time, the Prayer/Care leader asks someone to start and someone to end when everyone has had a chance to pray.]*
14. *[Turn over meeting to Host for any announcements, refreshments, end of meeting.]*