

Message Summary: So, now that we know how to build a right relationship with God using the first four beatitudes, Jesus turns our focus to the second four - how we can be right with one another. He begins by giving us the "Law of direct return" or as we're calling it: "The Boomerang Blessing." He says, "You'll be happy many times over when you show mercy to others, because then mercy will be shown to you."

Merciful – The Boomerang Blessing

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy". Matthew 5:7

1. THE DEFINITION: Love in Action

Luke 10:29-37

2. THE APPLICATION:

A. Merciful people are patient with the peculiar. Romans 15:7

B. Merciful people are forgiving of the fallen. Colossians 3:13

C. Merciful people are helpful to the hurting. 1 John 3:17,18

D. Merciful people are good to those who hurt them. Romans 12:17-21

3. THE SATISFACTION:

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LifeGroup Questions

All LifeGroups are on Summer Break and begin September 10th

BEGIN IT (5min) - Take this time to praise the Lord and pray that He leads the study.

OPEN IT (10min) -What do you think was the major point of this message?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Read Matthew 5:7 and enjoy exploring further insight below:

1. Are you a patient with the peculiar or oddball people.
2. Do you find it easy to forgive the fallen people?
3. Are you helpful to the hurting?
4. Are you good and forgiving to those who hurt you?
5. What do you do when you're hurt? Do you put the fire out or do you heat it up? Do you get over it or try to get even? Do you let your hurts heal or do you let your hurt turn to hate?

APPLY IT (15min) - Imagine yourself standing over the corpse of the one who hurt you so deeply. Happy now? Will you now be free? Listen, without forgiveness, bitterness is all you have left. But mercy can set you free. If you are resentful? Forgiving others allows you to forgive yourself and remember how much mercy God has shown you.