

**DOING LIFE TOGETHER**



11. How will you “forget not” the benefits of knowing God this week?

**May 15, 2016** **Sermon Notes**  
**Does God Play Favorites? God Grants Mercy for His Glory**  
**Romans 9:14-18**

God’s mercy wasn’t a R\_\_\_\_\_ for  
O\_\_\_\_\_

1. Israel failed to obey God and received an A\_\_\_\_\_ of M\_\_\_\_\_

12. What are a few concrete ways you can express the mercy you have received from God to someone else this week?

Exodus 33:19

2. Pharaoh failed to obey God and received a H\_\_\_\_\_  
H\_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 7:13,14,22; 8:15,19  
...vs...  
Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 14:4,17

Romans 1:24,26,28

**Prayer Requests**

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God’s mercy furthered his P\_\_\_\_\_ of a  
M\_\_\_\_\_ for L\_\_\_\_\_ people

John 17:1  
Luke 2:17-18  
Luke 18:4

*What do I need to do with what I have heard today?*

## **GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK**

May 15, 2016

### **THINKING THINGS THROUGH**

1. What are some of the easiest ways you get distracted? Zoning out to the TV? People watching? Checking Twitter?
2. What is one thing you have found particularly difficult in life lately?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### **READ PSALM 103:1-6.**

3. What do these verses tell us about who God is in character and in action? What do these traits teach you about the character of mercy God displays?
4. What do these verses tell us about what God is doing in our world? Specifically, how is God working these things out in your life?
5. Why is it important for us to reflect on who God is and what He has done? How do we daily remain conscious of His work in our lives and world?

6. David challenges us to “forget not all his benefits.” What happens when you lose focus on who God is? When you do focus on God’s mercy, how is your day different?

#### **READ PSALM 103:7-14.**

7. From Psalm 103:7-14 and Romans 9:14-18, what do we learn about how God showed His mercy to the people of Israel? What does that say about Him?

8. What kind of treatment does our sin against God deserve? How has He treated us instead? Consider the specific metaphors David used to explain the way God treats His children (vv. 11-14). List how many ways God’s mercy ought to change our day-to-day lives.

#### **READ PSALM 103:15-22.**

9. How did David describe God’s relationship to us in this section of Psalm 103? Why is it good that God recognizes our limitations? How does that increase our focus on God’s mercy and His presence in our lives?

10. Why do you think David begins and ends his psalm with a call to praise the Lord?