

Mercy That Sees

*FCC Life Group Discussion Notes
Based on the Sermon Single of Jason Tash
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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your mercy that sees us, knows us, and transforms us. Open our hearts to Your Word and the stories of Your love in action. Help us to see others as You see them and to respond with compassion and courage. Guide our discussion and draw us closer to You and each other. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

Share a time when you felt truly seen or noticed by someone when you needed it most. How did that moment impact you? (*Encourage everyone to share briefly to build connection.*)

Key Scripture

Luke 18:35-43; Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

(Have a group member read these passages aloud, starting with the story of the blind beggar and then the story of Zacchaeus.) Let's listen closely to how Jesus' mercy changes lives.

Sermon Summary

The sermon "Mercy That Sees" explored the powerful, transformative mercy of Jesus through the stories of a blind beggar and Zacchaeus in Jericho. Mercy isn't just forgiveness or pity—it's an active, compassionate force that restores dignity, breaks cultural norms, and opens the door to salvation. Jesus sees the unseen, hears the silenced, and seeks the lost, inviting us to follow His example. At FCC, this mercy aligns with our mission to *Follow* Jesus, *Connect* with others, and *Contribute* to His work, especially for those who are overlooked, like children trapped in human trafficking.

Discussion Points

1. Mercy Hears the Desperate Cry

Scripture: Luke 18:35-39 (NIV)

(Have a group member read this passage.)

Summary: The blind beggar, ignored by the crowd, cries out to Jesus despite being silenced. Jesus stops, listens, and restores his sight and dignity. This mercy defies the crowd's judgment and shows us that no cry is too small for God's attention.

Questions:

- When have you felt like your struggles were ignored or silenced? How does knowing Jesus hears your cries encourage you to bring your needs to Him?
- How can we, as a group, better listen for the cries of those who feel unseen in our community, like the marginalized or hurting?

2. Mercy Seeks the Hidden

Scripture: Luke 19:5-7 (NIV)

(Have a group member read this passage.)

Summary: Zacchaeus, despised and isolated, doesn't even cry out, yet Jesus seeks him, calls him by name, and enters his home. This proactive mercy transforms Zacchaeus' heart, leading to radical generosity and repentance. Jesus sees beyond shame to the person God created.

Questions:

- When have you felt unworthy of God's attention, like Zacchaeus? How does Jesus' pursuit of you change how you view yourself?
- Who in your life might feel "hidden" or judged? How can you show them Jesus' mercy through a simple act of kindness or inclusion?

3. Mercy Calls Us to Action

Scripture: Luke 19:8-10 (NIV)

(Have a group member read this passage.)

Summary: Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus' mercy leads to action—giving to the poor and making restitution. Jesus' mercy doesn't just save us; it compels us to contribute to His mission, like advocating for the unseen, such as children trapped in human trafficking. At FCC, this is part of our *Contribute* pathway.

Questions:

- How has God's mercy in your life inspired you to act generously or seek justice for others?
- What practical step can our group take to support ministries fighting human trafficking or to help the overlooked in our community?

Wrap-Up

In this discussion, we've explored how Jesus' mercy stops for the desperate, seeks the lost, and transforms lives. Whether we feel like the blind beggar or Zacchaeus, Jesus sees us and invites us into His Kingdom's work. Let's reflect on how we can embody this mercy in our daily lives, following FCC's call to *Follow, Connect, and Contribute*.

Challenge

This week, take one intentional step to "see" someone who might feel overlooked. It could be a kind word to a coworker, a conversation with someone new at church, or researching a ministry like FCC supports to fight human trafficking. Share your experience with the group next week to encourage one another.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for seeing us in our brokenness and offering us Your mercy. Help us to see others as You do, to hear their cries, and to act with compassion. Empower us to contribute to Your mission of rescue and restoration. May our lives reflect Your love and mercy this week. In Your holy name, Amen.