

Mercy

Matthew 9:9-13

INTRODUCTION

- There wouldn't be a Good Friday or an Easter Sunday if God wasn't _____, full of _____ and _____.
- To realize the importance of the _____ is to realize the fullness of God's _____.

THE SURPRISE OF MERCY

- Tax collectors were not only considered thieves but _____; and their constant contacts with Gentiles made them religiously suspect, if not _____.
- We only want to give mercy to the deserving. But this is not mercy. Mercy is _____ getting what you deserve.
- True mercy is the promise of _____ given through love.
- When have you been amazed and surprised by God's mercy?

THE SCANDAL OF MERCY

- How was Jesus' mercy scandalous?

- Mercy is not simply a matter of human _____. It comes from very _____ of God himself.

GOD'S DESIRE FOR MERCY

- What are some words used to describe the biblical understanding of mercy?

- For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that _____ believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

- Are you amazed and grateful at God's mercy through the cross of Christ?

- How will you live in light of God's mercy through the cross of Christ?

