

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Love Mercy
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This week's message continued our look at Micah 6:8 "No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Mercy is defined as kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly; kindness or help given to people who are in a very bad or desperate situation.

On a scale of 1- 10, how merciful do you think you are? How merciful do you think those closest to you would say you are using the same scale?

Read Matthew 23:23-28 (NLT):

²³ "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. ²⁴ Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat,

but you swallow a camel.

²⁵ "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! ²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

²⁷ "What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. ²⁸ Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

In this passage, Jesus is speaking to the religious leaders of the day and He had some pretty harsh things to say. What do you think sparked his anger?

Why do you think Jesus refers to justice, mercy and faith as the "more important aspects of the law"?

What is Jesus referring to when He says they are concerned with cleaning the outside of the cup and dish but the inside is filthy?

Why do you think the condition of our hearts is so important to Jesus?

Spend some time in prayer with God. Confess anything that comes to mind that may keep your heart from fully being His.