

## **Have Mercy!**

*Beatitudes – Part 5*

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7 (NIV)*

### **Why Should I be Merciful?**

- 1) **Because God has been merciful to me.** (*Matthew 18:33*)      2) **It’s what God expects of me.** (*Micah 6:8*)
- 3) **It makes my life better.** (*Proverbs 11:17*)

### **How to Become More Merciful**

#### **1) Be patient with people’s quirks.**

*“Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.” Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)*

#### **2) Give people a second chance.**

*“Stop being bitter and angry with others. Don’t yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.” Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)*

#### **3) Value relationships over rules.**

*“...The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27 (NIV)*