

*God Delights in Showing Mercy*

Micah 7:18-19

**Sermon Discussion Questions**

April 16, 2017

1. Have you ever thought about the uniqueness of God? What would you say to someone if they asked what made God so special and unique? Which of God's attributes would have come to mind?
2. Pastor Jim talked about how God loves to show mercy. In the passage he taught from, Micah 7:18-19, he explained how the word used for delight is one that communicates giving great emotional pleasure. Have you ever thought of God desiring to show mercy in this way? Why do you think some people struggle with this notion of God?
3. In the verses from Micah we see three examples of what "mercy" looks like: it pardons sin, forgives transgressions and it defeats sin/gives us victory over our destructive behaviors. As you think through stories in Scripture or from your own walk with God, what other verses come to mind that remind us of this truth? Take a moment and share some with each other.
4. Pastor Jim closed by pointing us to 1 Peter 1:3-4. The reason why God sent Jesus to die on Good Friday and be raised on Easter Sunday: Because He loves to show mercy and through Jesus' death and resurrection He can offer a new life eternal life to all who so desire it. The question is, will we give him a chance?

I'd invite you spend the rest of your time in sharing, encouraging each other and praying. Are you a believer that is struggling with receiving His mercy? Has God brought to mind people in your life that haven't allowed God to show them His mercy? Take some time to share testimonies about the mercies God has shown you, about what Easter was like for you and your family/loved ones. Take some time to praise God for His great love and mercy and to lift up those who still need to know Him. Reflect on these scriptures (and any others God brings to mind or to the group):

- Ephesians 2:4-5
- 1 John 1:9
- Psalm 86:5
- John 3:16-17
- Romans 5:8