



*Today's Topic: When we have a hard time forgiving others...*

*Matthew 5:7, Micah 6:7-8*

*Sunday, October 9, 2022*

### **Jesus's Promise**

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7 (NIV, 2011)*

### **1. Who Has the Right?**

*"My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered." Micah 6:5a (NIV, 2011); compare Numbers 22-24*

### **2. Who Is Right?**

#### **Shittim to Gilgal**

*"Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." Micah 6:5b (NIV, 2011); compare Numbers 25; Joshua 2-5*



### 3. Who Does Right?

*“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”*

*Micah 6:6-7 (NIV, 2011)*

*“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*

*Micah 6:8 (NIV, 2011)*

#### **The Point:**

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*Next Steps:*

*How can we share God’s mercy this week?*

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How would you define God’s mercy? Why is it sometimes difficult to be merciful?
2. Read Numbers 23:1-12. Why does God force Balaam to pronounce a blessing rather than a curse?
3. How does trusting God’s mercy help us to be more merciful?
4. Read Numbers 25:1-18. Was God right to judge His people as harshly as He does? Why or why not?
5. How does trusting God’s judgment help us to become more merciful?
6. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?