

**“Mercy beyond Belief”
Matthew 9:9-13**

I. Following the Merciful One

- Mercy’s Madness (v. 9)

- Mercy’s Mission (vv. 10-11)

- Mercy’s Mandate (vv. 12-13)

II. Becoming Merciful

- Christians are often seen as critical and judgmental. How can we overcome the perception and reality?

- Christians often isolate completely or identify fully. How can we engage the culture without being tainted by it?

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define mercy? How does God?
Have you experienced God’s mercy as explained in Titus 3:4-7?
2. How has God’s mercy affected your life since you became a follower of Jesus?
3. What is the significance of Hosea 6:6 in this passage?
4. Why do you think many Christians are seen as unmerciful to some?
5. Is the perception fair? Why or why not?

Tell us what God is doing!

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