

**For the week of March 11-17, 2017**

**Based on Pastor Tucker's message from March 10-11**

## **Mercy for All (Romans 11:25-36)**

**Best Way to Prepare for Your Group?** Listen to the teaching and read the appropriate scripture. Please give emphasis to the latter. These notes are prepared on Fridays. Sometimes, the sermon gets modified right before service. So, allow for flexibility. Remember, your time together isn't meant to be a re-teaching of the most recent lesson. Instead, the discussion points and questions are designed to encourage group members to share insight and application of what they've learned from God's Word—and thereby grow closer to the Lord and each other.

### **[Format for the Evening]**

#### **WELCOME:**

Get to know each other. Re-introduce yourselves if need be and welcome any newcomers. Invite those new to the group to share a little about their lives and Christian experience. Spend some time talking about real-life issues that may have come up during prayer or fellowship time the previous week. These Community Groups are more than Bible studies. They are designed to help believers form deep and lasting relationships.

#### **KEY PASSAGE:**

*"For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy."* –Romans 11:30-31

#### **THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING:**

This week we focus on God's mercy. Because He is so good and kind we do not experience the harsh judgment we deserve and instead are grafted into the most amazing family ever created. We inherit the righteousness of God. The inherent mercy of the all-powerful Creator points us to the deep love He has for all people. Rather than using humanity's disobedience to display His wrath, as He rightfully could have done, He uses our disobedience to display His mercy. Acceptance into the Christian faith, unlike adherence to most religions, is not based on heavy requirements or obligations. We serve our "family" as an act of worship.

#### **TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING:**

1. What does it mean to live a "life of worship"?
2. Discuss the relationship between God's mercy and a life of worship.
3. What are some ways you as individuals, and/or your Community Group as a whole, worship God in practical ways?

### **THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING:**

Worship is the bridge between theology and life. It links our intellectual knowledge of God with the way we exist as transformed beings. The more we worship God, the more we are aware of how unlike Him we are. This contrast should not inspire despair over our own imperfections. Our God is faithful. He honors our desires to change. The more we want to be like Him, the more mercy and grace He provides for us. An increased awareness of His mercy prompts us to allow Him to work in and through us for His glory and our good.

### **TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING:**

1. Is it possible for us to totally understand God?
2. What can we do to gain a deeper awareness of God and His plans for us?
3. How can we develop reverence and awe for our merciful God?

### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Spend a few minutes sharing any points you remember from this sermon.

1. Did anything particularly resonate with you?
2. Have you had an opportunity to apply the message during the week? If so, how?

### **TAKE TIME TO PRAY:**

Please pray that God would show believers how to live with an ongoing awareness of God's great mercy towards us. Pray that we would desire to make worship the focal point of all that we do. Pray that we will be more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and more aware of moments when God, in His great mercy, is fighting unseen battles on our behalf or keeping us from harming ourselves through sin. Pray for a deeper sense of humility in our relationship with our Lord and Savior.

### **TRANSITION TO REAL LIFE:**

Before you head home take some time to talk about the week ahead, make note of any needs and prayer requests, and enjoy each other's company. That's what family does.

**Note:** *Pastor Tucker welcomes your feedback. Please email him at [tucker@calvaryboise.com](mailto:tucker@calvaryboise.com) with your insight.*

### **Weekly Prayer Requests**

*“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” –Romans 11:33*

“We’re here to be worshippers first and workers only second. We take a convert and immediately make a worker out of him. God never meant it to be so. God meant that a convert should learn to be a worshiper, and after that he can learn to be a worker...The work done by a worshiper will have eternity in it.” –A.W. Tozer

### **Our Core Group:**

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### **Our International Missions:**

- **Marlon & Becca Brown in Vancouver, Canada:** Becca has returned home from her test surgery. Her doctor was pleased with the results of the week-long trial; and although the surgery aggravated her pain, Becca felt the stimulator really helped over the course of the week. She will be moving into the next step of her treatment. In a couple months she will return to Oregon to have the nerve stimulator permanently implanted into her body. Please continue to pray for healing, we are hopefully that it will really help improve Becca’s condition.
- **Send Hope:** Please continue to pray that funds will come in to get the Bible Colleges up and running again. They perform a very important function.
- **Miguel & Luisa Cruz: CC Buenavista, Mexico:** Praise report! God has given them two more years to stay at the same place to continue on with His church. They will not have to move. Thank you all for your prayers. Gracias.
- Calvary Chapel Boise has asked Miguel & Luisa to attend an eight-week course in Ensenada, México. They need somebody to take over the church in their absence. Please ask God to send the right people and thank Him in advance.

### **Our Local Ministry: Pray for Good Friday and Easter Services**

- Please pray for the upcoming Good Friday and Easter services. Pray that God expands the staff’s time and energy. Pray that everyone works with an abundance of joy and gladness. Pray that, above all else, God will be glorified in every aspect of these very important services.