

THE FORGOTTEN JESUS PODCAST

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Season 6, Episode 11

Receiving Mercy from the Merciful One

Mark 1:32-34, Luke 4:38-39, Matthew 8:14-17

Mark's Gospel presents Jesus as superior to Caesar. While Caesar ruled without mercy, Jesus embodied compassion, healing, and restoration. This study explores how Jesus' actions reveal His divine mercy and challenge us to reflect that mercy in our own lives.

Discussion Questions

1. What does Mark 1:32-34 teach us about Jesus' heart for the sick and demon-possessed?
2. Why do you think people waited until after sundown to come to Jesus for healing?
3. How does Jesus' treatment of Peter's mother-in-law contrast with the expectations of His day?
4. Matthew 8:17 connects Jesus' healing ministry to Isaiah 53. How does this deepen our understanding of Jesus as the suffering servant?
5. What does the immediate response of those healed by Jesus (getting up and serving Him) tell us about discipleship?
6. Jesus rebukes the fever in Luke 4:39. What does this say about His authority over sickness?
7. Why do you think Jesus did not permit demons to speak (Mark 1:34)?
8. How does Jesus' healing ministry compare to the way the world offers help and solutions today?
9. Jesus withdrew to pray after a long day of ministry (Mark 1:35). What does this reveal about His priorities?

10. How does Jesus' refusal to stay and build popularity (Mark 1:38) challenge our modern view of success in ministry?
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Application Questions

1. How does Jesus' mercy toward the sick and demon-possessed challenge our attitudes toward those in need?
 2. In what ways can we bring Jesus' healing and compassion into our workplaces, schools, or neighborhoods?
 3. Jesus often healed through personal touch. How can we practice tangible acts of love toward others?
 4. What distractions keep us from withdrawing to spend time with God as Jesus did?
 5. How can we model Jesus' balance between ministry, rest, and prayer in our daily lives?
 6. Jesus didn't seek the approval of crowds but stayed focused on His mission. How can we keep our eyes on God's calling rather than public opinion?
 7. Are there people in our lives that we have been reluctant to show mercy to? How can we change that?
 8. Jesus' healings often led people to serve Him. How can we respond to God's work in our lives by serving others?
 9. What steps can we take to ensure that our prayers are not just requests but also times of listening to God?
 10. If someone asked you to explain how Jesus is different from worldly leaders, how would you answer?
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Prayer Prompt:

Take time as a group to pray through the ACTS model:

- **Adoration** – Praise God for His mercy and power to heal.
- **Confession** – Repent of times when we have failed to show mercy or prioritize time with God.
- **Thanksgiving** – Thank Jesus for His willingness to heal, restore, and set us free.
- **Supplication** – Ask God to help us become more like Jesus in showing mercy and prioritizing prayer.

Encourage group members to spend time in silent prayer, listening for God's direction, just as Jesus modeled in Mark 1:35.

Additional Resources for Going Deeper

- **Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 53, Philippians 2:5-11, Ephesians 6:10-18
- **Books by Pastor Robby Gallaty:** *The Forgotten Jesus*, *Growing Up*
- **Podcast Episodes:**
 - *Making Disciples with Robby Gallaty* – Episodes on Jesus' ministry and disciple-making
 - *BEMA Discipleship Podcast* – Episodes on Jesus' role as the suffering servant
- **Long Hollow Church Sermons:** Search for messages on Jesus' compassion and healing at [Long Hollow Church YouTube Channel](#)
- **Study on Prayer:** *Disciple Her* by Kandi Gallaty – A guide to deepening our prayer life and making disciples

This guide aims to help small groups grow in their understanding of Jesus' mercy and apply His example to their own lives. Let's be intentional in seeking His presence and sharing His compassion with others!