



## 6:8 Time wk2: Love Mercy

**Introduction:** Just like composers write music to be played with certain rhythms and emphasis, God has designed us to live with certain emphasis' as well. We are to love mercy, but justice and mercy seem like opposing ideas, how can they both be characteristics of God?

### Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the word kind, who do you think of and why? What's the difference between being polite and being kind?
2. When you think about the terms mercy and kindness, are there distinctions between the two for you?
3. **Read Micah 6:8** Why does Micah say that God has already shown them what is good and what God requires? Why does God expect us to love mercy? If you are a parent, are there traits you hope your kids get from you and/or traits you hope they don't?
4. **Read Ephesians 1:5** In some translations, the word used to describe God's will here is kindness. How has God shown kindness to us?
5. **Read James 1:27** Why is God so concerned about these groups? What does God's concern say about where our concern and efforts should be?
6. When we talk about foster care or adoption, what thoughts do you start having or emotions that you feel? Is there a tangible way that you feel you can serve this area? What other areas might you need to practice kindness or loving mercy?

**Shaping Your Mind** –*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<sup>[a]</sup> with your God. – Micah 6:8*

**Moving Forward** – Just like many of us have traits we want to pass on to our children, God wants His children to look like Him. One of the ways we do that is by loving mercy/showing kindness.