



Sermon Title: Baptism Sunday - Mercy - Pastor Randy Hood

Scripture Reference: Matthew 18:21-35

Connection:

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?

Reflection:

- Summarize today's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

Application

- What does mercy mean? When have others extended it to you? When have you extended it to others?
- Re-read Matthew 18:21-35 Is giving mercy to others an option or a command? What is the implication of this answer?
- The first man who owed 10,000 bags of gold received mercy but refused to extend it to others. Does that also make him a hypocrite? Why was he not acting out of the same mercy he just received?
- In verse 22 forgiving "seventy-seven times" is not a literal answer but a metaphor for "unlimited." We are to forgive others without counting the number of offenses. Do we do that, or do we keep score today? What motivates us to keep score?
- Why do folks hold grudges? What causes us to not let go of past offenses or wrongs? What stops us from extending mercy to others as Jesus extended it to us?
- Pastor Randy suggested "everyone of us has a line of unforgiveness." What does that mean for our Christian life?
- End by praying together for forgiveness, and for us to be a more merciful people. Pray for New Horizons to be a lighthouse in Spokane, and for the Pathways project.