

**Message Notes for April 8, 2018**  
**Series: Missing Pieces**  
**Title: The Missing Piece is Mercy**

**Series Verse:**

**John 10:10** ~ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

When we feel offended and wronged, the missing piece is MERCY.

**What is Mercy?**

Showing forgiveness or compassion towards someone even though it is in your power to punish or harm them. The world may even say it is your right to punish or harm them!

**Why do we not offer mercy to those who have wronged us?**

1. We MINIMIZE our own shortcomings and MAXIMIZE everyone else's.

The Missing Piece:

Take a realistic look at our own shortcomings.

Matthew 7:1-5

2. We respond to hurts in the way the WORLD has taught us.

The Missing Piece:

Stop listening to the patterns of the world and start listening to the patterns of Jesus.

Matthew 5:38-42

3. We don't UNDERSTAND the mercy that has been shown to us!

The Missing Piece:

Receive the mercy that Jesus gave us on the cross.

Romans 3:23-26

# **Family/Group Study Notes for Week of April 8, 2018**

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- Think back to a time when you felt offended or wronged by someone. If you are comfortable sharing, share with your group about that experience and how it made you feel. Also share how you responded in that situation.
- Read Matthew 7:1-5. It is so easy for us to minimize our own shortcomings while we maximize the shortcomings of others. What does this passage teach us about our own shortcomings? How does this relate to us being able to show mercy to others? What is Jesus teaching us about judgement? Why is it so hard to learn?
- Read Matthew 5:38-42. The world teaches us the code of "An eye for an eye". But what does Jesus teach us? How could this teaching give peace to your own soul? How does this relate to us being able to show mercy to others? What do you find the most difficult in this passage?
- Read Romans 3:23-26. God poured His mercy out for us in a huge and powerful way with the Cross. What does this passage teach us about God's mercy? How does this relate to us being able to show mercy to others?
- What is the most important learning you want to take away from this study? Share with the group.
- Gather with your group/family and pray for each other.