



**SERIES: In View Of God's Mercies**

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| <p><b>Week 2: The Mercy of Sacrifice</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>Connect</b></p>  <p>5 – 10 min</p>     | <p><i>Just for fun: Would you Rather?</i> (Choose one of the questions below for everyone to answer)</p> <p>Would you rather live in a house without electricity or a house without running water?<br/>Or<br/>Would you rather live in a house without internet &amp; mobile phone reception or a house with no toilet?</p>  |
| <p><b>Gratitude</b></p>  <p>10 – 15 min</p> | <p>** This week you are encouraged to share the Lord's Supper together <b>after</b> the Discovery time.</p> <p>Ian refers to the song "See His Love" in the video teaching. This would be a good song to accompany the Lord's Supper this week. (Written by Tom Lockley, performed by Tim Hughes, Jesus Culture and others. Many of the versions on YouTube contain graphic images, so preview before deciding to use, especially if there are young children or other visually sensitive people in your group.)</p>   |
| <p><b>Discover</b></p>  <p>25 min</p>      | <p><b>Watch the 8 minute video talk by Ian Freestone at <a href="https://youtu.be/Xa6b3Quhros">https://youtu.be/Xa6b3Quhros</a></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read Rom 10:3. Human nature has a habit of seeking to "establish its own righteousness" apart from faith. Why do you think that is? Can you think of some examples of how this happens? How can Christians be guilty of it?</li> <li>2. The metaphor of "sacrifice" in relation to Christ's death has been criticised by some bible teachers on the grounds that it conjures up cruel and abusive images, especially when we think of a Father God sacrificing his own son. Two points: First, "Sacrifice" is only one of a number of bible metaphors used to describe what happened on the Cross. Second, we must remember Christ willingly laid down his life. What does the phrase, "Christ died for you" mean to you?</li> <li>3. How would you explain the meaning of Jesus' death to someone who had never heard the story and wanted to know? What points would be important not to leave out?</li> <li>4. Share the Lord's Supper together.</li> </ol> <p>[For further research. Those wanting to understand more of the bible's teaching on sacrifice and substitution, the objections to it, and, the answers to those objections, are advised to read: <a href="http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2006/may/9.29.html?start=1">http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2006/may/9.29.html?start=1</a>]</p> |
| <p><b>Act</b></p>  <p>10 min</p>           | <p>What action is God asking of you in response to what you have just discovered in God's word?</p> <p>How did you go this week applying what God has showed you recently? How have you seen God at work in you, through you and around you? Do you have a story to share? How can house church encourage and support you as you seek to respond to God's prompts and teaching?</p>  |