



SERIES: In View Of God's Mercies

Week 7: The Mercy Of Love	
<p>Connect</p>  <p>5 – 10 min</p>	<p>What is the first toy (or other item) you remember loving? Do you still have it?</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Play a game of “Darling If You Love Me, Smile”. See next page for instructions if you haven't played this game before or need a refresher.</p> <p>You might be surprised who finds this easy and who can't suppress a smile even before they try to answer the question!</p>
<p>Gratitude</p>  <p>10 – 15 min</p>	<p>Illustrate the lyrics page (attached) as you listen to/sing Matt Redman's song “This Is How We Know”. (Recommend you use an audio only version - the YouTube options aren't great and you want to focus on the lyrics. Use Spotify or iTunes, Matt's album <i>We Shall Not Be Shaken</i>)</p> <p>Celebrate the Lord's Supper. As part of that encourage people to share their thanks for God's love shown on the cross and/or their personal response to the song. Finish the Gratitude/Lord's Supper time with one of the following songs. (Again, better as audio only than YouTube. Lyrics on last page.)</p> <p>“Because Of Your Love” - Tim Hughes/Soul Survivor, written by Al Gordon & Hanif Williams</p> <p>or</p> <p>“You Have Won Me” – Brian Johnson/Bethel Music</p>
<p>Discover</p>  <p>25 min</p>	<p>Watch the 10 minute video talk by Ian Freestone at youtu.be/2_DVoag2Y</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who do you know/have known who experiences/experienced great hardship but knows/knew the reality of God's everlasting love? What difficulties do you experience that have caused you to sometimes question God's power or his love, or to question your own faith? How does this passage speak to you personally? How can our friendship with others model the constancy of God's love to those in need? <p>**NB. Your “Homework” between now and next week is to read Romans 9-11. You might also like to listen to Ian's 20 minute paraphrase of these three chapters which can be found at: https://soundcloud.com/freelyspoken/audio-bible-romans-9-11</p>
<p>Act</p>  <p>10 min</p>	<p>What answered prayers have you experienced this week?</p> <p>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>

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Icebreaker Game:

Darling, if you love me, smile

The "it" player in the middle of the circle goes to a player in the circle, maintains eye contact and without touching them uses their silliest voice and expressions says:

"Darling, if you love me won't you please, please smile?".

The player who was asked the question responds with:

"Honey, I love you, but I just can't smile." without smiling.

If the player responds, but cannot do so without smiling they become "it".

If the player successfully replies without smiling the "it" player moves on to the next player in the circle and again asks "Darling, if you love me won't you please, please smile?".

If you think some people will be targeted and others will be left out you can make it a rule that whoever is "it" has to go around the circle in order and any new "it" picks up where the previous one left off. In a big group you could have two "its" on the go at the same time.

This is How We Know

Beth Redman, Matt Redman

Album: We Shall Not Be Shaken

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This is how we know, this is how we know what love is
Just one look at Your cross
And this is where we see, this is where we see how love works
For You surrendered Your all
And this is how we know that You have loved us first
And this is where we chose to love You in return

Chorus

For You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son
Love amazing, so divine, we will love You in return
For this life that You give, for this death that You have died
Love amazing, so divine
We will love You in reply, Lord
We will love You in reply
We will love You in reply, Lord

And our love will be loud, our love will be strong
Our love should be hands and feet that serve You in this world
So, let it stay true, and let it endure
That You will be glorified worshipped and adored

Saviour of the world

King Jesus, we love You
For we have been loved
We have been loved

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Because Of Your Love

Al Gordon, Hanif Williams

Album: Worship Central – Lifting High, or Soul Survivor – Be My Everything

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Verse 1

This is how I know what love is this is how I know I'm free
This is how I know salvation Jesus came and died for me
This is why I come to worship this is why I lift my hands
This is why I now surrender everything I am

Chorus

Because of Your love there's dancing in my heart
Because of Your grace I am free
Because of Your faithfulness
There's a song that must be sung
And I will sing, I will sing because of You

Verse 2

This is why there's joy within me this is why my spirit sings
Jesus You're my great adventure You're my everything

Bridge

You came to save the world
To save the world, to save the world
Your love can change the world
Can change the world, can change the world

I will dance, I will dance because of You
I will dance because of You

You Have Won Me

Brian Johnson, Jeremy Riddle, Joel Taylor

Album: For The Sake of the World

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Verse 1

Grace You've shown me grace
You've lifted my shame
Drawn me with loving kindness
Washed whiter than snow
You have redeemed and made me whole

Chorus

Jesus You have won me
You have broken every chain with love and
mercy
You have triumphed over death
And You are worthy of glory and praise

Verse 2

Love You've shown me love
By leaving Your throne
By bleeding and dying on a cross
That wonderful cross
That took all my guilt and sin away

Bridge

(So we) Shout it out and lift up one voice in
worship
Sing it out until all the earth can hear it
Jesus is alive and He saves, He rescues and
saves