



SERIES: In View Of God's Mercies

Week 8: The Mercy Of Inclusion

<p>Connect</p>  <p>5 – 10 min</p>	<p><u>Come and hang out with me!</u></p> <p>Imagine you can invite 4 people, famous or not, from any time in history (including now) and any place in the world to come and hang out with you for a day. Who would you choose? You have to cover the following criteria within the overall group you invite (one person might fill more than one criteria):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Someone with a different ethnic background to you b) Someone of a different gender c) Someone with different religious beliefs d) Someone at least 25 years older or younger than you.
<p>Gratitude</p>  <p>10 – 15 min</p>	<p>Read Ephesians 1: 3-10 aloud. (Any version is fine, perhaps NLT or Message?)</p> <p>Share one way have you been blessed this week, large or small. Or, what warmed your heart or made your soul sing? (Eph 1:3 “All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”)</p> <p><u>Song suggestion:</u> Great Are You Lord (All Sons and Daughters) youtu.be/hpb02shcAis</p> <p><i>See Discover section, point 4 re suggestion to also share Lord's Supper this week</i></p>
<p>Discover</p>  <p>25 min</p>	<p>Watch the 10 minute video talk by Ian Freestone at youtu.be/WmaVTx5CaKw</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you know of Jewish people who have come to faith in Christ? 2. Here's a great 5 minute testimony: Mottel Baleston - How I Came To Faith In Messiah youtu.be/DAiHwiDoluE 3. Pray for any Jewish people you know, or for Jewish people generally that they might have a revelation of Jesus as their Messiah and put their faith in Him. 4. Perhaps share the Lord's Supper together, mindful that this great remembrance meal, based on the Jewish Passover, is about Christ who binds us together Jew and Gentile. Be thankful that we Gentiles can share in the mercies of God, together with all those who have faith in Christ. (This may mean you have had Lord's Supper at house church two weeks in a row. That's fine! Even good! You will experience more of the richness of this practice with the different emphasis and approach taken each time.)
<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>