**The Kingdom is Like...a Merciful Servant**

**"Matthew 18:21-35"**

Mercy is **not giving** to a person what he deserves, while grace is **giving** to a person what he **does not** deserve.

How to be a "merciful servant":

1. **Extend the same mercy and forgiveness to others as God extends to you.**

Mercy experienced should produce mercy demonstrated.

**II. Remember the immensity of your sin debt that God forgives.**

Stop focusing on what others have done **to** you and focus on what Jesus has done **for** you.

**III. Forgive others so you will experience the fullness of God's forgiveness for you.**

***Matthew 6:12; 14-15***

***12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.***

***"Forgive us our sins in proportion as we forgive those who have sinned against us."***

***14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,***

***15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.***

**IV. Forgive from a transformed heart of compassion.**