

THE MERCY JOURNEY

Bringing hope and healing to a broken world



*Tense. Divided. Broken.
Hostile. Vitriolic. Isolated.
Anxious. Unjust. Skeptical.*

Do these words ring true of your own experience or call recent headlines to mind?

In our volatile cultural moment, it's imperative that we, as followers of Christ, take up his mandate to be messengers of mercy to a hostile, hurting and broken world. We're poised with a unique opportunity to rise above the noise and offer lasting hope and healing.

But before we can truly offer mercy to others, we must embrace it for ourselves. Mercy begins with an inward transformation, empowered by the Holy Spirit, as we acknowledge and receive the unmerited favor of God lavished on us in Christ Jesus. When our hearts are changed by his mercy, we are emboldened to carry it into our homes, churches and communities.

Inspired by brand new data from Barna Group in partnership with The Reimagine Group, *The Mercy Journey*, a four-part series, will help us understand prevailing attitudes toward and expressions of mercy in the American church and in our culture at large. Convicted by God's mandate to "love mercy" (Micah 6:8), we'll take a fresh look at some of Scripture's most well-known and beloved stories of mercy, and be challenged to move toward others with compassion, forgiveness and kindness.

Join us this Sunday as we start *The Mercy Journey*