

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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The Gospel of Luke: The Mercy Mandate
Passage: Luke 6:36–38

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1. What does it mean that God “your Father is merciful” (**Luke 6:36**)? Consult **Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 103:8-13; Micah 7:18-19**. What is the relationship between divine “compassion” and divine “mercy”?
2. How did Jesus, through His life, demonstrate both “compassion” and “mercy”? Consult **Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 1:40-41; Luke 7:12-15**. How was Jesus’ demonstration of mercy an expression of the mercy of God the Father? Consult **John 14:9b-11**.
3. What are some of the ways the words “do not judge” (**Luke 6:37**) have been twisted and abused in our times? Are followers of Christ permitted to “judge”? In which ways? Consult **Matthew 7:16; John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 5:11-13; 1 John 4:1**. How does Jesus’ command (to “not judge”) ultimately tie back to being merciful, just as your Father is merciful (**Luke 6:36**)?
4. In which areas of your life do you, as a follower of Christ, need to grow in becoming more compassionate and merciful?