

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERIES: GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today's text:

Date: 4/10/2022 – The Mercy of God (Romans 9:15-24)

1. From the message, how would you define grace vs. mercy? How does compassion fill out the picture? Was there a helpful illustration or explanation from the message or from your own study you could share with others?
2. What other Bible passages that talk about mercy or compassion are impactful to you and why? How does Jesus show us a God of compassion and mercy? How should this apply to us, according to Colossians 3:12-13 and Luke 6:36?
3. How does God's mercy relate to man's choice in Romans 9:16? Do other verses help show how deeply we need His mercy to seek us and regenerate us? (If needed, look up 3:11, 1 Peter 1:3, John 1:13, James 1:18).
4. In Romans 9:18-22, is it unjust or unfair for God to harden sinners like Pharaoh while having mercy on others? Why or why not? How might this relate to 1:18-28?
5. How can you respond to God's mercy? Discuss with others how these verses show us how mercy should impact us?
 - Romans 9:23
 - Romans 12:1, 7-8, 13-14, 17
 - Romans 15:9
 - Parables from Jesus or other passages in scripture?