"Blessed Are The Merciful"

Start Talking: Share about your week with others. What's going well? What's something we can be praying together about?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:7-8 (NKJV)*

- 1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
- 2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose a question (or several) to create openness and discussion.

- Reflecting on the distinction between forgiveness and mercy, how do you perceive mercy in your own life? Can you share an experience where you either extended or received mercy, and how did it impact you or others involved?
- During the message, we talked about the importance of maintaining a pure heart to behold Jesus clearly. What are some practical steps you take to guard your heart against impurities? How do you prioritize engaging with Scripture, prayer, and worship to nurture purity of heart in your daily life?
- How can we actively "sow" mercy in our communities, families, and relationships? Can you think of a specific person or situation where you feel prompted to extend mercy, and how might you respond to this prompting?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

"Father, we thank you for Your goodness and mercy in our lives. We want to be blessed, and you said blessed are the merciful for they will obtain mercy. Father, we thank you for your voice, and we receive all you're saying. Let your fire burn in our hearts to behold Jesus. Do a work of healing in our hearts, have mercy and remove the impurity, cleanse us, wash us, give us eyes for Jesus, and let that fire burn deep. In Jesus' name, amen!"