



THE POINT

MERCY HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE.

PROBLEM:

Hurt bleeds into more hurt. We don't know what to do with our own pain, let alone have the capacity to care about others pain. Pain is pervasive.

SOLUTION:

Jesus desires mercy for all people. He came that no one would perish. Want Mercy. Mercy for yourself. For Jesus to be merciful. For others to want mercy.

APPLICATION:

Does my heart beat at the rhythm of Jesus's? Do I want mercy? Do I want Jesus to be merciful? Do I want others to want mercy?

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 19:1-10 NIV

LEADER WIN

We are hurt people. We know hurt people. We all hurt each other. Pain is vicious - spreading from heart to heart.

While hurt is pervasive so should mercy be. Every place Jesus went he was moved to be merciful to everyone. When Jesus saw the pain around him his heart broke. It led him to passionately become incarnate and solve the problem. He died for us so we could live a new life. One where pain eventually is no more.

In this series our goal is to help the students discover, experience and desire to share the mercy of Jesus. Mercy is needed here, there and everywhere.

MAKE IT WELCOMING: *Help the students believe they BELONG.*

1. How are you?! What is new in your life?
2. What are you involved in this week (sports, band, choir, or extracurricular activities). What are your schedules? We would like to come watch and support you.

MAKE IT REAL: *Help the students see themselves in God's word.*

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your pain our community is experiencing pain (*where 1 is none and 10 is excruciating*)? How would you describe our world's relationship to pain and why (*how do they feel and react to it*)?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your personal pain (*where 1 is none and 10 is excruciating*)? What factors are contributing to your pain?

MAKE IT PERSONAL: *Help the students take action steps this week.*

3. READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10.
4. How does Paul describe God's mercy? To what limits will God's mercy go?
5. What does God's mercy do for those who are willing to receive it? What makes receiving it difficult for you?
6. MEMORIZE John 3:16-17 and receive a prize next week (recite to your SGL next Sunday to win).

PRAY TOGETHER:

How can we pray for you? What healing can we specifically ask God to help you experience?