

BONAVENTURA (1221-74)

Study Questions



Scripture: Various

BE YE MERCIFUL, AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL

1. The preacher says that asking God for *justice* rather than *mercy* would condemn us, because we “offend Him daily.”

How does this challenge the way you normally approach confession, repentance, or spiritual self-examination?

2. The sermon describes four ways God shows mercy: as Physician, Mother, Lord, and Master.

Which of these images most clearly reflects how you have personally experienced God’s mercy—and why?

3. In the story of the Good Samaritan, Christ “binds wounds” (discipline), “pours in wine” (rebuke), and “pours in oil” (comfort).

How do these three movements—discipline, correction, and encouragement—shape a mature Christian life? Which one do you find hardest to accept from God?

4. The preacher insists that Christians must show mercy to others *in the same four ways God shows mercy to us*.

Which of these forms of mercy—visiting the suffering, providing for the needy, forgiving offenders, or counseling/praying for others—do you most need to grow in?

5. “False justice is disdainful, but true justice is compassionate.”

What does real, Christlike justice look like today—in your relationships, your church, or your community? How does mercy correct our instinct toward judgmentalism?

Notes

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