## His Mercy is More

## Sept 25, 2022 | Judges 2:10-3:11| Mercy in the Night| Pastor Mike Foster

- Your sin breaks the heart of God
- -Your sin is defined by God
- -Your sin is rooted in idolatry
- -Your sin is equated with adultery



- Your cry moves the heart of God
  - -He has not forgotten you
  - -He is never more than one cry away
  - -There is never a bad time to call on Him.
- Your God comes to rescue you
  - -He will do it with unexpected people
  - -He will do it in unexpected ways
  - -He will do it again and again because His mercy is more!
  - -He does it once and for all with Jesus!

## **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out to you most from the message?
- 2. Read Psalm 23:6 and Lamentations 3:22-24. Spend some time completing this statement together: His mercy is more than \_\_\_\_\_\_How would you fill in the blank? Be specific and personal.
- 3. Read Jeremiah 2:1-5. What do we see about God's heart and about our sin in this passage?
- 4. Of the "idols of the heart" we discussed today (approval/love, power/respect, control/comfort, pleasure/happiness), which one is most competing for your allegiance? How does the gospel tear down these idols?
- 5. Read Hebrews 12:4-11. What do we learn about God's discipline of us in this passage?
- 6. Share about a time when you were breaking God's heart with your sin. How did God awaken you and rescue you from your sin and situation?
- 7. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What are some things we learn about mercy in this passage.
- 8. In all honesty, do you ever feel like you are in too dark of a place for God to see you or find you? What might God want us to know or do when we feel that way?
- 9. Share about a time when you cried out for help to God. Do you believe God heard you? How did you see Him respond to your cry? 10. Did you take a red string today? Where will you put it? Where do you most need to see God's mercy in your life right now?

## FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read Psalm 23, Lamentations 3:22-24, Ephesians 2:1-10, 1 John 1:8-10 Read Gentle and Lowly in the next few months – available in foyer! Pick up a "Judges" Scripture journal – available in foyer! Watch this overview on Judges from the Bible Project

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOYy8iCflJ4

Read "Sin as Idolatry"

– www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/sin-as-idolatry

Read "Have Mercy on Me: Four Glimpses into the Heart of God"

- www.desiringgod.org/articles/have-mercy-on-me

Listen to "His Mercy is More"

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNkdgILDs0M

Listen to and watch "Mercy Tree" by Anthony Evans

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWgL7hE307E

Watch "The Mercies of God" by Tony Evans

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvTSvS1fYEE