**July 10th, Blessed Are The Merciful**
**Part 4 in the series 'The Greatest Reset'**

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

**Read Matthew 5:1-7**
Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.

What does the word mercy mean?
What are some examples of how Jesus had mercy on people?
How have people shown mercy to you in your life?
Besides salvation, what is an example of how God has shown mercy to you?
Why is Jesus uniquely equipped to show mercy?
Why doesn't Jesus always show mercy to people when they ask?

**Read 1 Peter 1:3-7**
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

According to this, why did Jesus give us an inheritance?
What is this inheritance?
Why is it better than anything we can receive on earth?
Why is genuine faith worth more than gold?

Why does God want us to show mercy?

What can you do this week to show mercy to someone else?

What can our group do together to show mercy?