

God is Merciful and Gracious

Reflect

1. Who is a person in your life who has been “slow to anger and rich in love?”
2. How did that kindness shape or change you?
3. What do the words “mercy” and “grace” mean to you?

Read Your Bible

- Psalm 145:8-12

Apply God’s Word to Your Life

1. What words are used to describe God in verse 8?

7. How can our lives tell the story of God's gracious and merciful love in Jesus?

Conclusion

It has been said before that grace is being given something that we do not deserve. Mercy is being spared of what we do deserve. In His great compassion and love, God brings both mercy and love into this world. With His grace He gives us a love we could never earn. With His mercy He bears the punishment of our sin. There is nothing we can do to earn this; it is simply who God is. All that we can do is enter into those promises, believe that God's grace and mercy are for us, and encourage others to know God's compassion and kindness.

Pray

Blessed are You, Oh Lord. You have looked on us with kindness and compassion. You have given us a grace we could never earn. In the mercy of Jesus Christ, You have freed us from the power of sin. Give us faith today to believe and trust in the power of Your goodness and teach us to walk daily with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.