

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FLIP IT WEEK 3

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What were some of the “house rules” in your home (either the home you were raised in or the one you raised your kids in)? How did these rules speak to behavior? How did they speak to character? Why is it so important that we help children understand not just what to do, but who to be, as well?

Read Matthew 5:3-12 (perhaps out of a different translation than you’ve used the past couple of weeks). As you think about these Beatitudes, how do they speak to the ways we live and act? How do they speak to who we are? Why does Jesus speak into both the things we do and the people we are in His Kingdom?

What comes to mind when you hear the word ‘mercy’? Do you typically think of it in terms of an emotion or action? How is it both? As you consider Jesus’ ministry, how did His mercy reveal itself in both emotion and action? In what ways did He feel and practice mercy? What do these examples teach us about what mercy should look like?

Lucas talked about mercy towards three different groups – the Invisible, the Outsider, and the Unforgivable. Which of those three groups do you find it most difficult to forgive? Why? What are some of the objections you have towards showing that group mercy? How does Jesus’ example speak into those objections?

When Jesus talks about purity of heart, He’s talking about having “unmixed and undivided hearts.” How was Jesus singularly focused on God? What are some of the things that keep us from living wholeheartedly in that same way? What words would describe the life of someone who lived with an undivided heart?

As you close, read Psalm 86:11. What did the Psalmist ask for in this verse? What would it look like for you to pray this same prayer today? Close together in prayer by taking this prayer and praying it for one another as a Group.