

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



March 3, 2024

“Show Mercy” - #3 in the series Follow Me: *Love God, Neighbor, Enemy*

Texts (NIV): I Samuel 24:8-11, 16-19; Col. 3: 10-11

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Grace and mercy are often considered “two sides of the same coin.”
 - How do the following statements clarify how they are different?
 - *“Grace is getting what we don’t deserve. Mercy is not getting what we do deserve.”*
 - Is it possible to have grace without mercy and vice versa?
3. **Read I Samuel 24: 1-7, 8-11**
 - Why did David choose to spare Saul’s life?
 - What can we learn from David’s comments to Saul about what it takes to show mercy?
4. **Read I Samuel 24: 16-19.**
 - How does Saul’s response to David’s mercy remind us of our own reaction to mercy?
 - How do we feel when we receive mercy?
5. **Read Colossians 3: (5-9), 10-11.**
 - How does this text dispel the notion that showing mercy indicates weakness?
 - How does showing mercy require personal courage?
 - How do we love God, neighbor, and enemy when we show mercy?
6. **Bonus Question:** Consider the connection between mercy and justice.
 - Why is showing mercy not an essential practice in our system of justice?
7. How can we pray for you?