

## Ice Breaker

(in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Have you ever gone out of the country? Share any funny or interesting experiences with the group.

## Talk About it!

### Part 1

**Read Matthew 5:7 NIV and talk about it:**

1. Mercy is the gift of God's undeserved kindness and compassion! We don't get what we deserve! Mercy is getting all of our sins forgiven and having Jesus take our place. Describe how the mercy of God has transformed your life.

### Part 2

**Read 1 John 3:16-18 and talk about it:**

1. Mercy needs to flow through the lives of believers. Mercy was described as forgiveness, compassion in action and love. How have you received these aspects of mercy in your life?
2. How have you given away mercy?
3. Where do you need God to help you grow in being merciful?

### Part 3

**Read Matthew 5:8 and Proverbs 4:23 and talk about it:**

1. Why does Jesus care about the state of our heart?
2. What do you think it means to be pure in heart?
3. How can we become pure of heart?
4. What blocks us from becoming pure in heart?

### Part 4

**Read Matthew 22:37 and talk about it:**

1. How can you love the Lord with all of your heart?

### Prayer Time

- Pray for forgiveness to flow
- Pray for how you can show compassion in action.
- Pray the areas in your life that you need to surrender to God and extend mercy.