



## Sermon Notes

### Loving the People We Sometimes Neglect

*“Whenever you speak, or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law of love, the law that set you free. So, YOU MUST SHOW MERCY TO OTHERS, or God will not show mercy to you when he judges you. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment, because mercy triumphs over judgment!” James 2:12-13*

HOW TO SHOW MERCIFUL LOVE LIKE JESUS  
Jesus Heals 2 Blind Guys – **Matthew 20:30-34**

#### 1. Listen for clues that people are in pain

*“They shouted . . . people tried to shame them into being quiet . . . but they just shouted LOUDER!” **Matthew 20:30-31***

*“When Jesus heard them . . .” **Matthew 20:32***

*“If you shut your ears to the cries of the poor, your own cries will be ignored in their own time of need.” **Proverbs 21:13***

#### 2. Stop whatever you are doing at the moment

*“When Jesus heard their cries, he STOPPED . . .” **Matthew 20:32a***

*“Don't be so obsessed with always getting your own advantage. Forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand.” **Philippians 2:4***

#### 3. Look past people's behavior to see their value

*“Jesus looked steadily at the man and was filled with love for him.” **Mark 10:21***

*“When Jesus looked out over the crowds, his heart broke, because they were confused and aimless, wandering like sheep with no shepherd.” **Matthew 9:36***

#### 4. Ask people what they need, don't assume you know

*"Then JESUS ASKED, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Lord, we want to see!' they said." **Matthew 20:32***

#### 5. Do whatever you can to help

*"Jesus felt compassion for them so he touched their eyes and instantly they could see! Then they started following Jesus." **Matthew 20:34***

##### **Examples of People we often neglect.**

People with needs.

People who are lonely.

People who are grieving.

People who are defeated.

People who are angry.

##### **What can I do?**

Offer to help.

Become a friend.

Be there for them.

Help them pick up the pieces.

Show them kindness.