



## Mercy – (Konect Series)

### Welcome (10 mins)

What is the kindest thing you have ever done? Who to? Why? How did you feel about doing it?

### Worship (20 mins)

Write a thank you card/letter to Jesus – think of as many things as possible to say thank you for e.g. big & small stuff, new & old things, personal & global stuff...

Share with each other what you have put – pray and say thank you to God

### Word (40 mins)

Pick 3 people. Tell them you're flying a helicopter over the mountains when you discover a plane wreck with 4 survivors. All will die of exposure if left overnight; but you can rescue only one. Which will you choose to live?

- wealthy businessman, able to pay millions for his rescue
- clever doctor
- childhood friend of yours
- young mother who is 8 months pregnant and has no money

Who would you choose? Why? (i.e. what was your motive for choosing that person – money? Intelligence? Friendship? Other?)

If the young mother was chosen that this reveals 'mercy' – giving someone what they don't expect and have no right to.

Ask the group to brainstorm for 3 minutes all the ways that God keeps showing his mercy to us (he encourages us, saves us, helps us, guides us, changes us...) Write all these ideas down.

Then give smaller groups a passage from the bible:

Matthew 5.7

2 Corinthians 4.1-2

Romans 12.1-2

James 3.14-18

How does this bit of the bible show how God's mercy should affect our lives?

How should God's mercy affect the way we treat our parent? Friends? Strangers? News items about suffering in this and other countries?



### **Witness (20 mins)**

Encourage each person to make a list of all the stuff they know they have done wrong in the past week or two. Then screw it up and throw it in the bin. Give each person a brand new piece of clean paper. This is how it is with God's mercy – we get a fresh start when we admit we've stuffed up.

Pray for your mates – ask God to help them see where they are messing up and that they might not resist the mercy of Jesus.

### **Notes**

Aim: to show what God is like!

# Cell Plan