

### Mosaic of Mercy Discussion Guide

- What was your takeaway from Sunday's message?
  - Mercy is never out of the picture
  - I am never too far away from God to obtain grace and mercy
- Why is the Old Testament important to study?
  - The OT is the foundation that we must build our spiritual understanding on
  - It is the physical representation of what happens, spiritually, in the NT
- In 2 Chronicles 7:14 what does God promise to do if we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways?
  - He will hear us
  - Forgive our sin
  - Heal our land
- Manasseh was an evil king of Judah. How old was he when he began to reign, and how long was he king?
  - 12 years old when he became king
  - 55 year reign
- Evil kings usually had a short kingship. Why did Manasseh rule for so long?
  - He eventually repented and changed his ways
- What were some of the sins Manasseh committed?
  - Sacrificed his children
  - Set up idols in the temple
  - Promoted cults

- Shed innocent blood
- Why did the Assyrian Empire take Manasseh into custody?
  - God allowed them to conquer Judah because of Manasseh's sin
- 2 Chronicles records what happened while Manasseh was imprisoned by the Assyrians. According to 2 Chronicles 33:12-13 what did Manasseh do?
  - Humbled himself and prayed
- How does Manasseh's prayer relate to 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Psalms 51:16-17?
  - God promised to hear us, forgive our sin, and heal our land if we humble ourselves, pray and repent
  - The psalmist said that God doesn't want animal sacrifices, He wants the sacrifice of a broken, repentant, heart
- A mosaic is an image created from smaller, broken pieces of material. How is Manasseh's life like a mosaic?
  - His image shattered when he was imprisoned, but God forgive him
  - God put his life back together again, but into a new picture
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that we are new creatures in Christ. Why does Jesus have to remake us when we turn our lives to him?
  - We are sinful by nature
  - Our minds and hearts must be realigned with His
- How can we apply the life lesson that Manasseh teaches us?
  - We can never mess up too much
  - NO sin is too great for God to forgive