

Religious Standards Are Not Enough

Session 2 Notes

Jesus sat down to teach the people about the _____.

The Beatitudes were not necessarily meant as conditions to be met, but at least some were examples of people who were not generally considered to be _____ by God.

The Beatitudes teach us that God's blessings are available to _____.

The righteousness of the Pharisees was based upon _____ performance standards.

Righteousness cannot be _____; it can only be obtained as a gift of God's mercy.

Children are dependent and _____.

When we are born again, God makes us spiritually _____.

Jesus invites us to _____ Him.

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Session 2 Discussion Questions

1. Which of God's blessings do we truly deserve?
2. What is the definition of mercy?
3. How is mercy related to freedom?
4. Can you think of a situation in which you were granted mercy? How did it affect you?
5. Can mercy ever be combined with consequences? How? Can you think of a Biblical example?