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# FACILITATOR GUIDE

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## Session 24: Renewed in Mercy

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### Primary Presentation Objective

- "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:22-23

### Secondary Presentation Objectives

- In order to understand and truly appreciate the mercy of God, we must acknowledge the darkness within. The line between good and evil is drawn not between nations or neighborhoods, but down every human heart. There is a Hell around us and within us that needs confronting.
- Fully knowing this reality, Jesus Christ has come to ransom and redeem us! He comes seeking our hearts for his dwelling place. His mercy is greater. It's stronger and more powerful than any darkness.

### Essential Small Group Goals

- Have an honest discussion about your need for God's mercy. Describe what God's mercy has saved you from ... and what it has saved you for.
- Have an honest discussion about where you would be without God's mercy.

### Questions From Video Presentation

- Often mercy is seen as "permission" or "letting someone off the hook." How does your idea of mercy change when you see it through the lens of the concepts of "ransom" and the analogy of the debtor's prison?
- How do despair and presumption lie about God the Father's mercy revealed in Christ? Have you ever succumbed to one of these lies?

### Supplemental Questions

- What struck you in today's presentation?
- Have you ever contemplated God's mercy and salvation in economic terms?
- Did everyone participate in the TMIY Spring Donation Appeal?

### Next Week!

- Speaker: Michael Gormley                      Topic: A New Day, A New Man

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## OPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION

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Scripture: Romans 13

Religious: CCC 1042-1052

