

# ***Mercy in Action***

## **Luke 6:36-45**

LG Questions for 11/22/09

### **Getting Started**

- 1) Difficult People.** Think back to someone in high school you didn't like because of how they acted toward you. a) Who was it, and what caused the hard feelings between you? b) Is there anyone in your life today who is equally hard to deal with? Be careful to describe the situation without hurting his or her reputation. c) Now read Luke 6:36-45 and explain how you would handle the situation now that you are following Jesus.

### **Getting into the Bible**

- 2) Model of Mercy.** Read Luke 6:35-36. a) According to Jesus, who is the most merciful person that you and I deal with on a regular basis? Do you agree? If so, give an example to support his conclusion. b) Why should his mercy affect the way we treat others?
- 3) Signs of Mercy.** Read Luke 6:37-42. a) What will we do and keep from doing if we are truly merciful? Explain what Jesus means by this and why it is necessary for our spiritual health and happiness. b) Why is it often so difficult to overlook the faults of others? How do the examples Jesus gives us help to explain this difficulty?
- 4) Source of Mercy.** Learning mercy involves more than striving and straining to say and do the right things. According to Jesus, what must change if we are to become merciful people? Give an example of how he has been helping you to do this.

### **Getting Personal and Practical**

- 5) Homework.** After receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa was asked, "How can we promote world peace?" Her answer was: "Go home and love your family." (Read Mark 5:19 with this in mind.) Why do you think she answered the way she did? How would being more merciful help you promote peace in your home and neighborhood?