

# Prayer?

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# Sermon.

**Speaker:** Buster Brown, Senior Pastor

**Message:** Pursuing the Good (Actively Embracing Lovingkindness/Mercy)

**Text:** Micah 6:6-8

*"<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:6-8*

Justice is to act equitably, to hurt no one by word or deed. To do the right thing in light of God's revelation.

Lovingkindness/mercy - "Hesed" means to have a faithful love toward other people and to have a heart that is determined to do others good. It is a supernaturally generous orientation of our hearts toward other people, even when they don't deserve it and don't love us in return.

*"The piety that God approves consists of three elements: a strict adherence to that which is equitable in all dealings with our fellow men; a heart determined to do them good; and diligent care to live in close and intimate fellowship with God." C.L. Feinberg*

### ELEMENTS OF LOVINGKINDNESS

1. Worship or the beholding of a faithful and gloriously good Lord is primary in the life of a disciple.
2. The overflow of understanding God's lovingkindness/mercy (hesed) is to actively care for others from a heart that is awestruck with the mercy of the Father.
3. The grace of the cross multiplies the "awestruck-ness" regarding the hesed of the triune God.

*"<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.') <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."*  
John 1:14-18

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# Sermon.

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*"There is no greater joy than knowing Christ, those who finish well focus more on loving Christ than on avoiding sins. We know that a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus and a daily walk (pursuit) with him are essential to everything. He is the spring from which comes all spiritual fruit. He is the vine we draw our life from. When we plateau in our spiritual lives, we must constantly come back to him and seek renewal because he is the author and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:2)."*  
**Sweeting and Sweeting, How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus into the Second Half**

4. Do good by forgiving, loving and celebrating the hesed of the living God in Christ.

*"As divine hesed on the vertical plane (with God) intersects with the human horizontal plane, it transforms it. Our lives are infused with the hesed we experience from God, creating new relationships with those around us as his Spirit pours through us... the climax of the parable in Matthew 18:23-35 is the king's accusation of the unforgiving servant, using the verb form of the Greek word most often used to translate hesed (in Hebrew): 'And should not you have had MERCY on your fellow servant as I have had MERCY on you. (Verse 33)'"*  
**Will Kynes, God's Grace in the Old Testament: Considering the Hesed of the Lord (Knowing and Doing: CS Lewis Institute)**

### QUESTIONS:

1. What is the glorious basis or foundation for faithful love (hesed) in the life of the believer?
2. Why the bewildered response of Matthew 18:33?
3. Why is Ephesians 4:32 the "most important" verse in the bible regarding relationships (marriage, parenting, friendships, etc.)?
4. How does an unkind heart change into a tender heart (Ephesians 4:32)?



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# Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop anyone with a blue name-tag and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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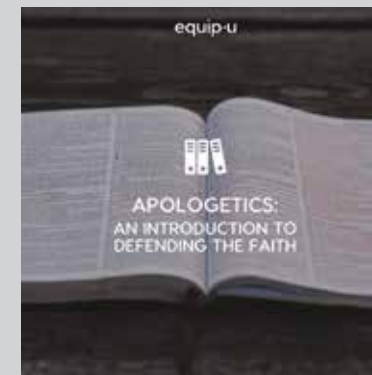
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### DECEMBER EQUIP•U CLASS

For the month of December, we will be offering a new equip•u class on Sundays at 10:45am in rooms B220, 221, & 222. Scott Gardner will be teaching on Apologetics.



SEE YOU THERE.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

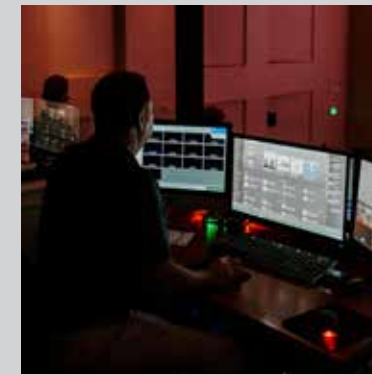
We want to wish you a very, Merry Christmas! This year, we will be hosting our Christmas Eve Services in-person and online through our livestream! Services are at 4:00 & 6:00pm. Nursery will not be provided.



PLAN TO ATTEND.

### SERVE ON SUNDAYS

Serve on the Media Team and help us provide sound and lighting each Sunday as we worship and study God's word. Training is provided.



VOLUNTEER TODAY.

## Financial Update.

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| Giving Year-to-date | \$ 1,788,674 | (fiscal year:                 |
| Ministry Expenses   | \$ 1,636,417 | August 1, 2020-July 31, 2021) |

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