Palmetto Baptist Church – *November 27, 2011* Blessed are the Merciful – *Matthew 5:7*

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy."

Inside the Text

- I. Mercy is demonstrated by compassion on those around you. (7a)
 - A. You must be aware of the need. (Matthew 25:34-36)
 - B. You must respond to the need. (James 1:22-27)
- II. Mercy is motivated by God's compassion on you. (7b)
 - A. Based on what He has done.
 - B. Based on what He is doing.
 - C. Based on what He will do.

Apply the Text

How aware are you of the needs around you?

- o Develop a list.
- o Read specific books.
- Seek accountability.

How active are you in meeting those needs?

- Develop a plan.
- o Volunteer to serve.
- o Sponsor a child.

How familiar are you with what the Bible says about mercy?

- o Utilizing <u>www.biblegateway.com</u> or <u>www.biblestudytools.com</u>.
- o Memorize Psalm 136.
- o Talk to God.