

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

# Hope for the Hopeless

### Getting Started

What do you think it means to show mercy to someone?

### Digging In

When we say that God is *merciful*, there are two key ideas:

- He does not punish us as our sins deserve.
  - He has compassion on the needy.
1. How do the following passages reveal God to be merciful?
    - Exodus 34:5-7a
    - Daniel 9:9
  2. **Read Ephesians 2:1-5.** Why do we need God's mercy?
  3. What do we deserve because of our sins?
  4. What did God do for us in Christ to show his mercy?
  5. **Read Colossians 3:12-13.** How are we to show mercy to others?
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  7. **Read Mark 10:46-52.** How did Bartimaeus want Jesus to show mercy to him?
  8. **Read Luke 10:25-37.** How did the Samaritan show mercy to the man who'd been attacked by robbers?
  9. **Read Matthew 7:12.** How does this verse relate to showing mercy?



### Getting Personal

- In what ways have you experienced God's mercy?
- Describe a time when someone showed mercy to you?
- What does it look like to show mercy in our relationships with one another at Shoestring?
- How can we be channels of God's mercy to those in our community?