



## Lyona bible church

### LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS – September 5, 2010

#### Announcements – Please read these to your group!

Please check your bulletin and the website ([www.lyona.org](http://www.lyona.org)) each week for additional information.

- **Adult Bible Electives:** Two new courses are being offered for the Fall: *The Book of JAMES* and *God's Wisdom in your House*.
- **Life Groups:** Our Life Groups are open to new couples and singles. So invite away!
- **Church Picnic on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4 p.m.** Don't forget the Life group competition that day. Plan on being there.
- **Life group work project for Scott's Family** in Erie, Saturday, September 18. Meet at the Church at 7 a.m.

#### Changed! One encounter will change you

##### Questions:

1. What was the most interesting idea or principle about this Sunday's message?
2. Have you ever heard of the Mercy Seat before? In what context? How did you think it related to you?
3. Why was the Mercy Seat so important to Israel? What did it mean in their life?
4. What does Jesus Christ as our Mercy Seat mean to you?
5. How does the fact that Jesus blood now covers you change the way you think about your sin?
6. Do you, after hearing the sermon this Sunday, need to confess anything or repent of anything? What in your life needs to change?

##### Prayer Requests

A place to write out your groups' prayer requests

## SERMON NOTES

Each header with sub-points is a slide used in Sunday morning's PowerPoint presentation.

**Text:** Lamentations 3:22,23

**Speaker:** Michael Fraser

**Message:** Changed!

- *"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22,23*

**God's Mercy is:**

- Fact
- Fortress
- Force
- Fresh
- Faithful

**Mercy is sometimes translated:**

- Constant love
- Faithfulness
- Unfailing love
- Steadfast love
- Goodness

**God's mercy is bound up in His covenant with Israel:**

- He chose them
- Provided for them in the wilderness
- Delivered them from their enemies
- Gave forgiveness when they repented
- Restored their nation
- Renewed His friendship
- Was the very source of their life!
  - *"God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."*
  - Repeated 8 times in O.T.

In the New Testament Mercy is associated and connected with God's *Love, Grace* and *Faithfulness*. They are all apart of the same fabric.

In the Old Testament the best physical Illustration of mercy was found in the Ark of the Covenant and the *Mercy Seat*.

- Exodus 25:17-22
- Physical Design
- Spiritual Design
- "and there I will meet you.."
- Day of Atonement
- Sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat 7 times.
- God's presence was also associated with a *cloud* over the mercy seat.

The Mercy Seat showed how God put sin under His mercy and covered it by the Blood.

- Psalm 103

The Ark of God represented seven things in Israel's life:

- God's Provision
- God's Protection
- God's Promise
- God's Presence
- God's Power
- God's Peace
- God's Praise

In the New Testament the greatest physical Illustration of mercy was found in the *Jesus Christ*.

Romans 3:23-26

- "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood through faith to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."
- "being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a *propitiation (MERCY SEAT)* by His blood through faith..."

1 John 2:2

- "He is the *propitiation (Mercy Seat)* for our sins: and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world."

**Jesus Christ is where “we meet God”**

- **“Immanuel, God with us”**

**Jesus Christ -The Mercy Seat- shows how God put sin under His mercy and covered it by His Blood.**

- **Hebrews 9:11-15**

**The Ark of God- *Jesus Christ*- represented seven things in our life:**

- **God's Provision**
- **God's Protection**
- **God's Promise**
- **God's Presence**
- **God's Power**
- **God's Peace**
- **God's Praise**

**This is the power of the Mercy of God to change lives!**