



## MISERICORDIA

A LIFE NIGHT ON FORGIVENESS AND MERCY

### GOAL

The goal of *Misericordia* is for the teens to understand and receive the restoring power of Christ’s forgiveness and mercy in their lives.

### KEY CONCEPTS

- Forgiveness is a decision of the heart to go against the instinct to pay back evil with evil, and instead, freely choose to forgive those who have wronged us. Forgiveness is powerful and can begin the process of healing.
- Mercy is heartfelt compassion. It is the ability for a person’s heart to take on and bear the suffering of another person’s heart.
- Whether we realize it or not we are sinners, and we are suffering. God sees us in our suffering and has mercy on us.

#### KEY TERMS:

Forgiveness  
 Mercy  
 Sin  
 Concupiscence

#### SCRIPTURE:

Genesis 1 – 3  
 Matthew 6:9-15  
 Matthew 18:21-35  
 Luke 23:34  
 Hebrews 4:16

#### CATECHISM:

211

### ABOUT THIS LIFE NIGHT

This Life Night begins with skits by the Core Team depicting stories from their childhood about a time they got in trouble. Then, the teens get into small groups to discuss and distinguish the difference between forgiveness and mercy. The Proclaim discusses forgiveness and mercy and encourages the teens to turn to God in their sin and suffering. The Break begins with a small group discussion about the Proclaim. It proceeds to an Ignatian-style Bible reflection on the story of the blind man who cried out, “have mercy on me” as Jesus passed by. The Send introduces the teens to the Divine Mercy message and Chaplet.

### ENVIRONMENT

The environment for this Life Night is prayerful and reflective. Put the *Misericordia* title slide on the projector. This is found on the *September 2015 USB* or online at LifeTeen.com. Play reflective music from contemporary Christian artists like Audrey Assad, Matt Maher, Hillsong Chapel and Bethel. Provide drinks, snacks and a comfortable sitting environment.

### MEDIA SUGGESTIONS

TobyMacVEVO: “Forgiveness.” Toby Mac ft. Lecrae. (youtube.com)

Pipeline Generation: “The Gospel in Four Minutes.” (youtube.com)

Manila Bay Resorts MBR: “Pope Francis Showed Compassion and Mercy.” (youtube.com)

Vatican: “Pope Francis: Jesus’ Message Is Mercy.” (youtube.com)