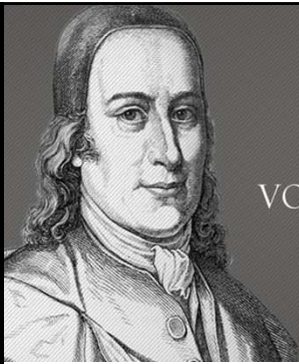


# Blessing Campaign 2018



## Video 1: Moravian Prayer Meeting





NIKOLAUS  
VON ZINZENDORF  
1700–1760

**FACT:**

The Moravian Community of Hernhut in Saxony, led by Count Zinzendorf, in 1727 commenced a round-the-clock 'prayer watch' that lasted 100 years

**FACT:**

By 1791, 65 year after the commencement of the prayer vigil, the small Moravian community had sent 300 missionaries to the ends of the earth.



## The God Who Is Merciful



**A. God loves to be merciful to us.**

**B. God wants to show  
His mercy through us**

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**The Call of  
Matthew**

### Matthew 9:9-11 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

### Matthew 9:11-13 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

<sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



**Matthew:  
Tax  
Collector**



**How does our heart  
become merciful?**

... mercy comes from a heart that has first felt its **spiritual bankruptcy**, and has come to **grieve over its sin**, and has learned **to wait meekly** for the timing of the Lord, and **to cry out** in hunger for the work of his mercy to **satisfy us** with the righteousness we need.

**Lesson 1:**  
**The opposite of mercy is sacrifice (Hosea 6:6)**

**Lesson 2:**  
**The opposite of mercy is Religious Trivia (v11)**

The Pharisee



B. God wants to show His mercy through us



And should I not pity  
Nineveh,  
that great city

... in which there are  
more than 120,000 persons  
... who do not know



**The mercy that we show  
to each other  
comes from  
God's mercy to us**





## **Application: (1)**

**James 2:12-13 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

<sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

## **Application: (2)**

**(i) The example of the Moravians**

**(ii) Starting Prayer Groups**

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