



DISCIPLESHIP

Winter 2018 Sermon Series

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1.) In our culture, how is the word “meek” usually understood? What does “inheriting the earth” usually involve?

2.) Who is a modern day example of someone who demonstrates meekness?

Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”

3.) Why do you think we are tempted to turn Jesus’ announcement into a formula that says, “If I get better at being meek, then I’ll be blessed”?

4.) With your group, brainstorm times or events in Jesus’ life where he left us an example of being meek.

5.) Several suggested definitions were given in the sermon for the words “meek”, “gentleness”, “strength under control”, “the mean between the extremes”, “poise” and so on. Which one resonates with you? Why?

Read Psalm 37:1-11

6.) How does the Psalmist encourage you to demonstrate strength under control?

7.) According to Psalm 37, why can fear, anger, or greed disrupt meekness?

Application

8.) How does “strength under control” pertain to your relationship with God? What about your relationships with others?

9.) This beatitude suggests that the way God is ordering the world gives everyone a share in the inheritance. Everyone can find belonging. Who do you know at your work, in your community, in your school, in our church, or in your neighborhood who doesn't seem to fit? What could you do this week to let them know that they are significant, maybe even that they belong?