

November 3rd, 2024

Sermon: Attitudes | The Meek

Text: Matthew 5:3-5; Matthew 5:1-2; Matthew 5:5; James 3:13; Deuteronomy 4:6-20; Psalm 37:9; Psalm 37:11; Isaiah 37: 66:22.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

4. Who am I, going to tell?

Key points, and questions to reflect on and discuss from Brett's message:

"We will get a clear picture of what Meek is like when we look at Jesus."

"Meekness has more to do with our attitudes toward others around us."

"The meek are those who are willing to accept and submit-without resistance-to the will and desire of God."

"Hear these thoughts from N.T. Wright in his book, which many of us may have read together in past years: *Lent for Everyone*:

But nobody quite knew what it would look like when God came back to us. Some people have said it would be like a great pillar of cloud and fire. Some have said he'd come riding at the head of a great army to defeat the horrible people who are making our lives miserable. Some have even said that we'd better not wait any longer, that perhaps God wants us to act first and then he'll come and help us...now he's telling us that God is indeed on the move—and that people like us are going to come out on top! We've had our spirits crushed all right; we've been sorrowful, we've been longing for God's way to triumph...and now he's saying that the poor in spirit will inherit heaven's kingdom, that the sorrowful will be comforted, that the hungry will be satisfied. All right! This is what we've been waiting for! But how will it happen? What do we have to do? What are his plans for making it happen? Well, he's saying other things, too. He's saying that it's the meek who will inherit the earth

not the rich, the powerful, the violent or the pushy..."

Being Meek is Power under control

Being Meek is a Pasture.

"It is not a kingdom to be taken, but rather, *received*."

"The meek *inherit* the kingdom, they don't take it."

Is there an individual or a situation you are facing, where Christ is calling you to walk in *meekness*—to walk *in submission to Him*?

What specific situation is Jesus calling you to model His meekness through the power of the Holy Spirit within you?