

Sermon Discussion Guide

Kingdom Citizens: Week 4

Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

Read

Matthew 5:5

Main Ideas

This week, we examined the third of the "Beatitudes"- Jesus' promise of blessing to the meek. Contrary to the Roman Empire and certain militant factions of the Jewish people, Jesus declares that His Kingdom belongs to the meek, those viewed as unimportant or powerless, who respond to injustice by surrendering to God's control, rather than using force or hatred.

In Jesus' Kingdom, these are the ones who will "inherit the earth"- a promise of peace, prosperity, and abundance to the least likely of people.

Icebreaker Question

- What is one of your pet peeves? Why does it bother you so much?

Discussion Questions

1. What comes to your mind when you think of the word 'meekness'? How does that compare to the definition you heard this past weekend?
2. As a group, read Matthew 11:28-30.
 - a. How does the way you understand these words change, knowing that the word for 'gentle' in v. 29 is the same word for 'meek' in Matthew 5?
3. When you think of Jesus' life and ministry, what examples of Biblical meekness do you see?
4. As a group, read Psalm 37:1-11.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus quotes this Psalm?
 - b. What do these words teach us about meekness?
5. As "Kingdom Citizens", how do we respond when it seems like the power-hungry and aggressive are the ones that inherit the earth?
 - a. What does a meek posture look like in our immediate circles?
 - b. What does a meek posture look like in our nation?