

## CHRIST THE KING WEEK 4 - GROUP DISCUSSION

### INTRODUCTION

Take everything that seems natural, instinctual and normal and then flip it around. That is how you live for God. You want to be rich, first become poor. You want to gain your life, first lose your life. You want to be comforted, first mourn. That is the logic of the kingdom of God.

### BIBLE REFERENCES

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:3-5 NIV).

“He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:7, NLT).

“You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.” (Matthew 5:38-41).

### DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to be meek (as used in Matthew 5:5)?
2. What might you need to control (“bridle your power”) when wronged?
3. What does it mean to have your identity in Christ? How can this influence your thinking when someone tries to dehumanize you?
4. What is “going the second mile” demonstrating in Matthew 5:41?
5. What did you need to hear most from this talk?

### SUGGESTED PRAYER

Father, thank you for inviting us into your Kingdom. May we find our identity in you. Then give us the ability to live out our identity in the way we respond to others, especially to those who try to hurt us. For, as you have promised, when we are secure in you, we are freed from the need to hurt in return. And in that freedom, there is true happiness. In your name, Amen.