

Message Devotional & Discussion Questions 7/14/2024

MESSAGE: Blessed are the Meek WEEK#3

SERIES: Jesus Story: The Beatitudes **COMMUNICATOR:** Jenelle Wilson

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into

practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

- 1. If you feel comfortable, share an embarrassing moment in your life. Do you find it easy to laugh at yourself or do you take yourself too seriously?
- 2. Which definition for "meek" is closest to how you think of the word: Humility? Strength in submission? Gentle? Obedience? Something else?
- 3. When you think of Jesus being "meek" how do you describe him? What is an example of Jesus being meek in the Bible?
- 4. Meekness is one characteristic of Jesus. In order to be like Jesus, how could you live your life in meekness? How would living your life in meekness change your relationships with others?
- 5. What is <u>one</u> area in your life where you struggle with pride? How do you express it? How do you suppress it?
- 6. What is the most challenging aspect you face as you seek to kill pride in your life?
- 7. Read Philippians 2:5. How would you describe Jesus' attitude? What would it take for your attitude to more closely match that of Jesus?
- 8. Read Mark 10:35-45. What are the two contrasting perspectives of being first or a leader in this passage? How does Jesus' example of leadership reflect both meekness and humility?
- 9. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is <u>one</u> action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to **canvas.church/experience-god** or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions 7/14/2024

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

- 1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
- 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
- 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- Prayer Question: "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right,** it can be out loud or in silence, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church