My Story Discussion Questions – Part 8 Gentleness June 30 These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group. 1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? Hardest? 2. What did you think of our "Game", "Tame", or "Lame" game today? Which of these words do you think describes what people try to attain in our world? Why do people chase after trying to be "game"? 3. Why do you think gentleness was included in Paul's list of The Fruit of the Spirit? Do you think gentleness is a sought-after character trait in followers of Jesus today? Why or why not? What do you think happens in the life of a Jesus follower when gentleness isn't exhibited? 4. Do you see the connection we made between gentleness, joy, and peace? How do you think these three work in unison to make us more like Jesus? 5. Are there areas in your life where you have attempted to seek justice on your own? How did it turn out? Do you think revenge, retaliation, justice for wrongdoing accomplishes in us the same things that The Fruit of the Spirit do? Why or why not?

6. Our big idea for the week is: Real strength isn't uncontrolled power, but power under control. What is one specific thing you can do to 1) realize this to be true in your life, and 2) not stew, plot, or seek revenge when we are mistreated?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, I pray to You for gentleness. I need Your power to live with power under control. Let me be Your light and bring hope to those I meet because they see that I am trying to live a life of gentleness. Thank You for living inside me. In Your Name, Jesus. Amen.