

GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What about this message stood out to you most?
2. Which of these three fruits of the Spirit seems to be the easiest to cultivate in your life right now? Which seems to be most elusive?
3. Why might faithfulness include learning more about the Bible, God and Christ? Why might it include living for Christ? Why might it include looking forward to Christ's return?
 - a. What would it mean to grow in our faithfulness in these areas? Why would this be a fruit of the Spirit and not just a work of the flesh?
4. Why do you think that gentleness/meekness is generally looked down upon by non-Christians? Would you say that even Christians sometimes see this as weakness instead of strength?
5. How might you explain the difference between biblical gentleness and the worldly definition of meekness?
6. As an American how would you recommend to a fellow believer what it should look like to balance a spirit of gentleness with self respect, or self protection?
7. How might the results and rewards of practicing gentleness bring comfort and encouragement to you? How might you encourage others by it?
8. Do you struggle in the thinking that self-control is a spiritual issue? Why or why not?
 - a. Which area of self-control is hardest for you personally and why do you think that is?