



- While earth is preparing for a **war**, heaven is preparing for a **wedding**.

Jesus replied, "With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God." John 3:3 (TLB)

"Born again!" exclaimed Nicodemus. "What do you mean? How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "What I am telling you so earnestly is this: Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Men can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven..." John 3:4-6 (TLB)

- Are you moving towards a **Kingdom Come** mindset?

...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10

**The beatitudes identify two differences:**

- The difference between this world and God's **Kingdom**.
- The difference between a citizen of the kingdom of God and an **unbeliever**.

**The Definition:**

**"Blessed"** - The **mindset** that comes from God's rule in my life.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

**What it means to be meek:**

- Meekness is strength brought under **control**.
- Meekness is not **passive** but **active**.
- The meek don't make **demands** for personal position, privilege, possessions and status in this life.
- Meekness is also the absence of **retaliation**.
- Meekness is the resistance to assert ourselves **for ourselves**.
- Meekness is not using our strength and resources **against** others, but **for** others.

The meek put themselves, their rights, and their future in the **hands of God**.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

...learn from me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29 (KJV)

...you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns. Matthew 16:23 (NIV)

- The "meek" don't just "**give in**" without stating what is right; they speak the **truth** and leave the results in God's hands.

Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?" Matthew 26:53-54 (NLT)

- The result of demanding our rights is **anger**, while the results of surrendering our rights to God is **meekness**.

**The promise to the meek:**

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

- How we respond to living in meekness shows which **kingdom** we are wanting to get ahead in.

"Don't worry about suffering, if you are meek, you will reign with Christ" 2 Timothy 2:12

- Meekness makes us like the **King** of the kingdom.

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly." 1 Peter 2:21-23



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Talk about the progression of the first three beatitudes. How do they build on each other?
- Explain how these beatitudes (More specifically meekness) reflects the King and citizens of the kingdom of God.
- Discuss each of the points under the sub-heading: "What it means to be meek". Does your natural man tell you these are dumb and ridiculous? Which of these seems most difficult for you?
- Talk about the difference between this world's retaliation and assertiveness verses the Kingdom of Heaven.
- How is meekness not passive but rather assertive?
- How does surrendering to God's will and giving up our rights result in meekness?
- How does meekness make us more like Jesus? Why is that important for us as followers of Christ?
- How can you use your strength for God and others this week?
- We were created to bring glory to God. How does meekness bring God glory?

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