



**Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide:
SERMON ON THE MOUNT 2.18.2018**

1. Who are some people in your life that you would describe as “meek” or “gentle”? What is it about their life that causes you to define them this way?
2. READ Matthew 5:5
3. What negative connotations do people typically attribute to meekness? How has this word been typically defined?
4. In our world, it’s very easy to try to exert our power over others. Meekness isn’t about being weak and not having power; it is about power under control (think of trained horses -- powerful, but controlled). Why do you think practicing meekness difficult in our world? What obstacles seem to stand in the way of someone choosing meekness?
5. The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians that meekness is one of the fruits of the Spirit (meaning the outward sign that God is working in our lives). How does meekness reveal God working in our lives?
6. READ Matthew 18:1-5
7. Jesus shows us that greatness isn’t defined by power, wealth, or control, but by becoming like a child. What do you think it means to “become like little children”? What about children do you think Jesus wants us to find valuable, admirable, or useful?
8. It’s easy to look past children, but they sometimes have the most to teach us as adults. What are some things children have taught you? What are some valuable lessons you think we can learn from children?
9. What are some ways you can welcome, encourage, and help children grow in their faith? What can you learn from them that will help you in your own faith journey?

Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. If you or someone in your group is comfortable, give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.