

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- Pastor Abe began his message on Sunday by asking, “Would you consider yourself a meek person?” How would you answer that question?
- Is “meekness” something that you typically think about as a positive or a negative characteristic? Why?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week’s passage together. In his message, **Pastor Abe encouraged us to be more like Jesus by living a life of meekness.**

Context:

- As a group, talk about what you know about the political and social context of the original audience of the Sermon on the Mount. How do you think Jewish listeners would have responded to this message from Jesus in the Beatitudes? How might Roman listeners have responded?

Living a Life of Meekness:**1. You don’t understand meekness until you understand the gospel**

- Read through Galatians 5:16-26 and highlight the characteristics of someone walking by the Spirit, contrasted with the characteristics of someone walking in the flesh.
- Our Saylorville Core Value of The Gospel says, “Jesus rescued me from eternal death, so I will live my life on earth for Him.” Answer this question: How has the gospel changed the way I live?

2. Being more like Jesus means living a life of meekness.

- How can you live like Jesus at home, at work, and in the world in the following three ways:
 - Jesus was humble (Matthew 21:5).
 - Jesus was gentle and lowly (Matthew 11:28-30).
 - Jesus was selfless (Philippians 2:5-8).

3. If you are a Christian, you serve King Jesus, not yourself or your own kingdom

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20. How might you react to stress, conflict, frustrations, trials, struggles, etc. if you lived out these two passages?

The test of meekness is how you interact with others, not what you say or think about yourself.

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard? (“I will...”)

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that you will interact with those around you like Jesus would - in meekness.

