



## **PART 4: BLESSED ARE THE MEEK**

### **INTRODUCTION**

What if the underlying spiritual issue facing the Church today is that we've failed to take Jesus seriously enough? What if much of the culture's judgment of Christians isn't the result of Christians obeying Jesus, but the result of Christians ignoring him? What could look differently in culture, and in our lives, if we lived like Jesus was serious?

### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 4:17

Luke 23:34

Matthew 5:5

Philippians 2:6-8

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Pastor Will said that Jesus wanted us not to just know about the Kingdom of Heaven, but to participate in it. What do you think it means to participate in the Kingdom?
2. Read Matthew 5:5. The one-word definition for "meek" is "humility." What do you think it means to be humble, or meek?
3. The first century Jews were living in a land that was divided—Jews versus Romans. Do you agree that we are currently living in a nation that is divided? Why or why not? Where do you see this division in your everyday life?
4. Pastor Will defined meekness as having the power to do something, but refraining from it for the benefit of another. Describe a time over the past week where you had the option to either choose meekness, or to exercise your power or influence to achieve your desired outcome. What did you choose?
5. Read Luke 23:34. If Jesus' words in this verse were your default approach to relationships, what difference do you think it would make?
6. Do you think Jesus was being serious when he said, "blessed are the meek?" If so, what steps will you take this week to take him seriously?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

Application Prayer: Jesus, I surrender myself to you today. I humble myself to take the step you are putting on my heart.