



SERMON ON THE MOUNT

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

DOXA CHURCH

FLOURISHING ARE THE MEEK

Read Matthew 5:5

DISCUSS

1. Justin described meekness as a third way that challenges both ends of the personality spectrum, dominance and passivity. How does this challenge your vision for meekness? Is it more or less compelling? Why?
2. Justin went on to say that the meek person believes three things: (1) the source of their power (God), (2) the purpose of their power (Justice and righteousness) and (3) the extent of their sinful brokenness (thus humbling them). How might each of these convictions shape the way we exercise power?
3. In what ways have you seen meekness rewarded in your workplace, neighborhood or city? Have you seen the meek “inherit the earth”?
4. How can we cultivate meekness?
5. Even though meekness is the way God expects his leaders to lead, this does not always get rewarded in our world, how have you seen meekness punished?

ACT

1. Jesus’ call to meekness is not primarily about action, but about cultivating character, so that we would be meek, not just act meek. What’s the difference and how will you cultivate meekness?
2. Cultivating meekness takes time, what are some ways that you can remind yourself to rightly exercise power until then? What questions or cues could you

use to remind yourself?

- 3 How can you reward meekness in your spheres of influence this week to create a culture that values meekness?
- 4 We don't live in the fullness of the kingdom so meekness is not always rewarded. What are things we can learn from these little "deaths"?

PRAY

Jesus, you are the perfect expression of meekness. Draw out of us the ways we disbelieve what is true about you and instead choose to control or manipulate, instead of walking in meekness. Heal us and guide us to use our power for the flourishing of others.