

Meekness – Leader Notes

- 1) The meek will inherit the **earth**
 - a) Psalm 37
- 2) If we give way and embrace meekness, God will make all things right, new and lovely, and the new government will be based on meekness
 - a) Our place in that government and role will depend on the amount of meekness that we attain to in this life
 - b) Matthew 5:5 – blessed are the meek, they will inherit the earth
 - c) Matthew 11:29 – come to me all who are weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest, for I am meek and lowly of heart
 - i) He describes Himself as the strong one, who loves to be tender
 - ii) I stoop down, and make myself known and pour myself out on their behalf
 - iii) This is how low he can go (the gift of atonement)
- 3) By His lowliness, it wins our hearts over to **love** Him
- 4) At the Cross, we are struck by His **love** and lowliness, that forever we love Him back
 - a) A heart held in tenderness will not give way in the darkest hour
 - b) The people that He pours out His own blood for respond in love when they look upon His meekness
- 5) When you contemplate His splendor and Holiness we tremble, but when I get a glimpse of His tenderness in Christ Jesus, I love Him
 - a) I'm not just responding to someone who is bigger than I am
 - b) When you stare at the meekness of Christ on the Cross and look into His eyes there on Calvary
 - i) In your worst hour, He said “Father, wait ... forgive them”
 - ii) Unrelenting in His lowliness – even if we were to reject Him, He would still come out of the grave and win our hearts in love
 - iii) Beholding Principle
- 6) If we walk in meekness now, it is the only thing we get to carry over in the age to come
 - a) You didn't get to pick your talents and gifts here now on earth
 - b) Your response to meekness is what you get to take
 - c) If you want to become the greatest, you must become the slave to all
 - d) In situations of mistreatment, You must restrain your own power and your own self-interest for higher cause of redemption and love
- 7) Cultivate a **servant** spirit
 - a) At the core of Jesus being He is meek and lowly and you will not go any deeper than where you are until you start dealing with your pride and personal ambitions
- 8) James 4 – God opposes the proud, but gives grace to humble
- 9) Humility – releases activity of God to bring holiness, anointing and revelation
 - a) People can spend long hours of ministry and let 3 years go by and not go deeper
 - b) Embrace humility and you will
 - i) This is how your heart gets transformed
 - ii) To get the breakthrough, there is this place of contemplation where you look upon His meekness

- iii) You see how meek He was towards us, and then it breaks our hearts and you become transformed
- 10) How do you know how well you are doing in this area?
 - a) Mistreatment
 - b) How does your heart react when opposition comes your way?
 - c) When people don't follow your agenda?
- 11) The end of the age is designed so that your pride will be diminished and meekness will be the only thing left
 - a) Isaiah 2:11-12
 - b) The end of the age is designed to confront the pride of the human heart and bring it low
 - c) The mistreatment is designed to produce meekness to those who will cooperate
 - i) We all suffer
 - ii) All of us are in one of the three categories - We are being mistreated, we will soon be mistreated, or YOU are soon to mistreat someone else
 - (1) Because we are weak, fractured human beings
 - (2) It is a MIRACLE when ANYONE gets along with ANYONE else
 - (3) Marriage – the fact that two people that can fall in love at the same time is a miracle
 - (4) To get along when you are in love is even a greater miracle
 - (5) We are fractured – we can make up our minds to operate in a certain, meek way, but then the next day we almost totally forget what we set out to do, or we fail in operating in that meekness and holiness
- 12) Imagine if you didn't have any opposition
 - a) What if everyone went along with “your lame ideas”
 - b) God has given us tests to bring about what is beneath the surface that which is truly within us
 - i) mistreatment
- 13) If you don't get it, your heart will be breeding ground for envy, insecurity, bitterness, unforgiveness, and accusation against God
 - a) This is not a light issue
 - b) We must understand how to walk in mistreatment so our hearts can produce meekness
- 14) Mistreatment will occur in all relationships – even the best ones
 - a) Sufferings happen to everyone – its not JUST you
 - b) Underneath the surface, a great enemy of meekness is dormant in our hearts until you are mistreated
 - c) Misunderstood, unappreciated, rejected
 - i) Humans are rejected on certain levels that produce anger in the human heart
 - ii) How do our hearts respond?
- 15) St Augustine – “the same miseries send some to Heaven and others to hell. The tests of suffering separate weak from chaff in the church of God. Those who in times of tribulation humble themselves to the will for God are weak for paradise. Those who grow haughty and in rage and reject God are chaff for hell.”
- 16) Redemptive suffering counts
 - a) Everyone suffers

- b) GOOD NEWS: If you are in Christ Jesus, in can work FOR you
 - i) If you are successful, it translates to glory in the next age
- 17) We all expect suffering from unbelievers
 - a) We also think that we should suffer less from our other brothers and sisters in Christ
 - i) But this is not so
 - ii) Even when we want to do something good, we end up offending the person that we were trying to do something good for
 - (1) You say “well, FORGET YOU, I was trying to do something good for you, but you don’t appreciate it”
 - (2) We have this wrong expectation that we will never have collisions with our brothers and sisters
 - (3) Have a choice
 - (a) Rise up in anger, or
 - (b) Humble yourself before God
- 18) If you are mistreated today, I can assure you of one thing
 - a) You will be mistreated AGAIN
 - b) And if you live long enough, AGAIN
 - i) And by the people you love the most
 - ii) Because we are all fractured, fallen, and a mess
 - c) I can also assure you that YOU will mistreat someone else
 - i) And if you live long enough, AGAIN
- 19) Break off these wrong expectations (that everything is supposed to be right and perfect all the time) and begin to look at mistreatment as being an opportunity to learn to grow in the grace of God
- 20) Surely, some of you will be happy of what I am saying, and some are going to be upset because I have missed something thus far
 - a) You get mistreated, and you ask God for meekness
 - b) You ask “GOD ... why won’t you answer my prayer?”
 - i) He says “I AM – I’m giving you the opportunity to become more like me”
- 21) Mistreatment is highly personal
 - a) “they did this to ME”
 - b) You don’t care about anyone else
 - c) “how dare you” ... “how dare you do this to me”
 - i) Mistreatment exposes the fault lines of our own ambitions – our longing to have things
 - ii) We find the great enemy within ourselves – our pride
 - iii) You find that though you think you are holy, the fault lines begin to emerge
 - d) The Lord is saying, “do not leave, but stay here and humble yourselves”
 - i) Move your heart in love towards the other person
 - e) When you apologize do say “I’m Sorry” ... but yet, inside are you saying “grrr ... not really”
 - i) You even begin to condone yourselves by blaming your reactive faults on others

- ii) You must realize that you are not the only one “in the mix” in these situations. You and the other people are in this life together – you are not the only one ... and neither are they
 - iii) The Lord says that before you teach others to operate in your ministry, He will hit you hard – trying to give you the opportunity to operate in grace and humble yourself and become more like Him
- 22) Humble yourselves and say, “God I need you to bring things so that these things can come to the surface so I can repent and bring healing to my soul. Lord, teach me”
- a) God can make us love like He loves
 - b) We can grow in the midst of our own anger and find peace in Him through our mistreatment
 - c) You can love your brothers in the midst of mistreatment
 - d) Ask God to give you grace in your fallenness
 - i) You can embrace humility and thus embrace the other one
 - ii) **LORD HELP ME, SHOW ME, GIVE ME GRACE**
 - (1) Humble yourself and know that THEY are not the bad guy – trust in the Lord and He will guide you and He will bring the mistreatment
 - (2) Love will be brought about in your heart – the Lord can transform this mistreatment to tenderness and love in your heart
- 23) In the darkest hour, there is a fountain that can expand your heart and you can begin to get pleasure in your spirit and in the midst of all of these trials
- a) You begin to understand how other people could think and you can honestly say “you know, I can understand why he could do this, because if I were Him, I would have done the same thing”
 - b) Love will flow forth
 - c) Endure the trials – don’t try to get out of them
 - i) This is how you get transformed, this is how you grow
 - ii) The Lord reveals the defense mechanism called anger that keeps you from operating in meekness – you think it is up to you to operate in your destiny
 - iii) The Lord says to trust me, and see me in a new light