

## LOVE

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)**

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## TRUTH

**Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)**

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?  
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read through 5:1-11. When you read through these, how does it make you feel? How does it land on your heart?  
[Dialogue]
3. How do the first two beatitudes give way to the third beatitude?  
Meekness is birthed from the soil of the first two beatitudes. If one realizes their need for God, and has a posture of repentance, meekness will begin to grow.
4. Who should get credit for meekness being cultivated in our lives? How does Scripture confirm this for us?  
The Holy Spirit / Galatians 5:22-23
5. Of all the desirable attributes, not many would choose to be called meek. Why should it be a desirable virtue in the life of a Christian?  
Jesus was very meek so we should be meek, but if we reflect on this on a deeper level, God knows that meekness represents who He is. This ultimately brings Him glory and us satisfaction.
6. What do these beatitudes tell us about God's desire for us?  
God has created us to live a certain way. We were designed and purposed to live in alignment within his moral law. Living this way provides a blessedness that is deeply satisfying.
7. Let's try together to summarize these first three beatitudes in our own words.  
Example:
  1. The good life belongs to those who realize their need for God, for they will have tender hearts towards the things of God
  2. The good life belongs to those who have sorrow for their sin, for they will be comforted
  3. The good life belongs to those who are gentle and show bridled strength, for they will be the ones who experience God's inheritance
8. One of the challenges as a Christian is to read familiar biblical texts and still be in wonder over them. How can we ensure that we are reading texts like these with "fresh eyes"?  
[Dialogue]

9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

## GREAT COMMISSION

**Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)**

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

## CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

**But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today," ... (Heb. 3:12-14)**

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

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Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- John MacArthur Commentary - Matthew