



# Kingdom Culture

sermon on the mount series

February 26th

PERSONAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

MATTHEW 5:5

*"Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth."*

What is the true meaning of being meek?

*"The word meek can often come with negative connotations. It may be that people see being meek as being a doormat, for people to walk all over. In fact, one dictionary defines meekness as "overly submissive or compliant; spiritless; tame." Elias Alslaksen*

That's not what is meant by meek in this text.

Jesus was meek and lowly of heart, yet He drove the money changers out of the temple with a zeal and righteous anger. (John 2:13-17). Moses was described as the meekest person on earth, yet he confronted Pharaoh, lead the Israelites out of Egypt, smashed the first copy of the stones commandments in anger and ground up the golden calf and made Israelites drink the sediment (Numbers 12:3, Exodus 32:19-20? Adapted from Elias Alslaksen

So, what does it actually mean to be meek? Write a one-line definition of your current understanding below:

Contrast your present understanding of the word with this note below from [Bibleref.com](http://Bibleref.com) and underline any words or phrases in the quote that strike you afresh.

*The word meek does not mean "weak," though that's how many misinterpret it. The word is best understood as "gentleness," or a refusal to take control by brute force or manipulation. Meekness, from a Christian perspective, is about faith. It is about trusting God to win the battle in the end instead of going to extremes to win the battle on our own terms. The concept is often referred to as "strength under control," rather than "strength seeking control."*

Go back re-read verses 3-5 In what way does being poor in spirit, and mourning lead to meekness?

Read Revelation 21:1-4. In what way might this passage shed light on “the meek shall inherit the earth”?

What areas in your life might require the display of true meekness in greater measure?