

“Blessed are the Meek”
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Scripture: Matthew 5: 5 NRSVue

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Discussion Questions:

1. It wasn't until the 18th century that the word “meek” became associated with “weak.” Why do you think that happened?
2. In what ways are the meek strong? What do you think of the imagery of meekness as a wild horse that has been gentled so that their strength is harnessed and disciplined?
3. Who are some meek people you have known in your life? What were they like? What impact did they have on their surroundings and on other people?
4. Who are some Bible characters that you think were meek?
5. One of the most defining characteristics of the meek person is their relationship to anger. What is a healthy way to be able to experience anger and use anger for good, rather than be used by anger for ill?
6. What do you think of Jesus's line that the meek will inherit the earth? What does he mean? Is it now or in the future? Is it literally or is he referring to the Kingdom of Heaven or the new heaven and the new earth? Why does Jesus say “inherit the earth” and not “conquer the earth?”
7. How are you blessed personally if you are a meek person?