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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of July 17th // Conversation: July 23rd
The Fruit of the Spirit - Gentleness

In our current series, we're focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. This devotional will help you explore one part of that fruit - Gentleness.

pray.

It's essential to begin time with God in prayer. Talk to God about your day so far. What's on your mind? Is there anything you want to praise Him for? How has He shown Himself to be faithful in your life this week? Spend time praying about these things before you go any further.

observe.

Gal 5:22 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **gentleness**, self-control; against such things there is no law.

In Galatians 5:23, the word for gentleness can also be translated as meekness. The Greek word for **meekness** is "praotes". It means humility, mildness, meekness.

- 01** Using your favorite color, mark any reference to God or the Lord with a triangle.
- 02** Circle any mention of the word gentleness or meekness.
- 03** Underline any instructions. An example is done for you in Col 3.

Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against
another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you
also must forgive.

Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all
humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in
love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Titus 3:1-2 (ESV)

Remind them [believers] to be submissive to rulers and authorities,
to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil
of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect
courtesy toward all people.

2 Tim 2:24-26 (ESV)

²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Matthew 11:29 (ESV)

²⁹ Take my [Jesus] yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Isaiah 40:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms;

he will carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead those that are with young.



interpret.

01

There are lots of instructions and descriptions of characteristics we are to have as believers in these verses. Take your time and make a list of them. We've done a few to get you started:

Col 3

- Put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
- Bear with one another
- Forgive each other

Eph 4

Titus 3

2 Tim 2

Matt 11:29

Isaiah 40:10-11

interpret.

- 02** Gentleness is strength bridled by love. How do you see that played out in Isaiah 40?

apply.

- 01** Take a look at the list you made for number 1 above. Who in your life can you show these characteristics to this week?
- 02** How do you think you can allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate gentleness in your life?

bring it together.

The Greeks used gentleness to describe a wild animal after it has been tamed.

Think of it like a racehorse that has been trained to obey its rider.

Gentleness and humility are characteristics that were despised in Roman/Greek culture. Yet, we see Jesus emulating these during His ministry with children, the sick, a woman caught in adultery, Mary and Martha at the death of their brother Lazarus, those who doubted, the disciples as He washed their feet, etc.

Join us for Sunday's message to hear more about gentleness and to put the big picture together!

connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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