

10. Why does God value humility or gentleness?

11. Like kindness and patience, gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23). What does this teach us about living out gentleness in daily life?

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

12. In which area of your life—family, work, school, community, church—is it hardest for you to live with a spirit of meekness or gentleness?

Why do you think that is?

How can we hold each other accountable to surrender to the Spirit in those areas of life?

13. What is a specific relationship or situation where you need the Spirit to bring out gentleness in you?

What might you need to do in order to hand over control to Him in that situation?

Prayer Requests

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AT THE FORGE

GENTLENESS:

Forging New Paths
John 12:12-19

Gentleness: C _____ p _____
onto p _____ paths.

1. A p _____ with p _____
should choose the p _____ path.

2. G _____ a _____ nudge others
t _____ the p _____ path.

3. A gentle path of peace d _____ o _____.

4. A gentle path paved with h _____ can be
a powerful d _____.

Gentleness is a powerful w _____ to be used with w _____.

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Who are some of the most influential leaders in your life?

What personality or character traits do such influential leaders share in common?

2. In the sermon, Pastor Michael talked about the trait of gentleness, which he described as power under restraint. What are some ways a gentle leader might act that help us paint a picture of this trait in action?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ NUMBERS 12:1-8

3. Skim Numbers 11. What was behind the Israelites' complaining?

What is your gut reaction to less than ideal situations?

4. Miriam and Aaron's critical spirit highlighted their discontentment with God and drove a wedge in their relationship with their brother and spiritual leader. How did their reaction compare with the picture of Moses in verse 3?

5. In verses 6-8, God affirmed His relationship with Moses and the authority given him as God's chosen leader. What does it say about Moses that he enjoyed this kind of fellowship with God and spiritual authority, and yet he remained gentle and humble?

6. Miriam and Aaron took the more human, fleshly response, which is not uncommon for us, either. What makes gentleness like Moses' a more challenging path to take in relational conflicts?

READ NUMBERS 12:9-15

7. What is the specific way Moses demonstrated his gentleness in this passage?

What kind of restraint might this have required, when you think about how you would have reacted in a similar situation?

8. Verses 14-15 explain God's disciplinary action against Miriam. What influence do you think Moses' gentle spirit had on the disciplinary action God chose?

How else could God have responded in His wrath?

9. Miriam was exiled from the community because of her criticism and harsh attitude. How does a lack of gentleness exile us from other people?