

SUMMER OF FRUIT—Gentleness

Community Group Questions 1 Peter 3:8-17/Matthew 26:50-54

1—How have you experienced the Lord this past week? What is a kingdom moment you've experienced?

2—The word Meekness/Gentleness are used interchangeably throughout scripture depending on which version you have. However, Meekness is the inward posture and voluntary submission of ego and Gentleness is the outward manifestation and expression through empathy, patience and tender treatment of others. Does this change how you view and approach gentleness as a whole? If so, how?

3—Read **1 Peter 3:11**. Peter challenges us to be agents of peace. In a world that says strength looks a certain way, the Kingdom depicts strength very differently. What does true strength look like for you in the context of relationships with those around you?

4—Read **Matthew 26:50-54/1 Peter 3:15**. It's really cool to think about how the Holy Spirit used the example of Jesus to shape Peter and how he approached his ministry and especially what we see in 1 Peter 3:15-17. How do you believe gentleness can impact those around you for the better?

5—Which of Sunday's main points best resonate with you?

- Inward meekness produces outward gentleness
- We love Jesus as the lion, we struggle with Jesus as the lamb
- We are to pursue peace
- Don't underestimate the transforming power of the Spirit

6—Which of Sunday's action points best resonate with you?

- Rest in Christ
- Reflect: Gain context to yourself.
- Restore one another in love and gentleness

7—What are you hearing from the Lord in these verses?