

Discussion Questions - 9/19/21

Kingdom Upside Down-Part 2 (Matthew 5:5-6)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions concerning the sermon text:

- Meekness means not focusing on getting your way, not demanding your rights. It means being able to say, “Not my will but yours be done.” What area of your life do you have trouble saying, ‘Not my will, but yours be done’?
- Meekness also means that you are thinking far less about yourself but rather thinking about meeting other people’s needs. How difficult is this for you?
- When Jesus says the meek shall inherit the earth, he is saying something very counter-intuitive. Our culture admires self-assertiveness, self-promotion etc. Why do you think Jesus says meekness leads to inheriting the earth?
- Jesus says that if we hunger and thirst after righteousness we will be satisfied. What would it look like to thirst after righteousness? What keeps you from thirsting after righteousness? What do you hunger for that pulls you from righteousness? Does it provide true satisfaction?