

BE A BRINGER

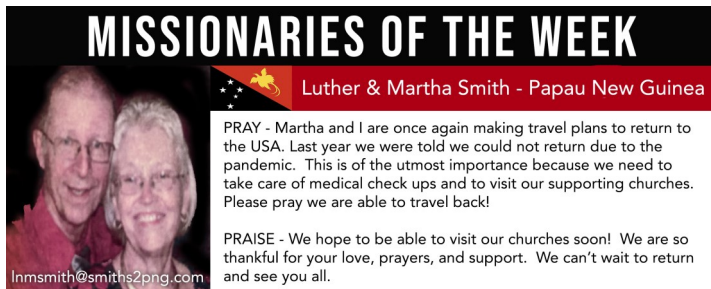
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK
Luther & Martha Smith - Papau New Guinea

PRAY - Martha and I are once again making travel plans to return to the USA. Last year we were told we could not return due to the pandemic. This is of the utmost importance because we need to take care of medical check ups and to visit our supporting churches. Please pray we are able to travel back!

PRAISE - We hope to be able to visit our churches soon! We are so thankful for your love, prayers, and support. We can't wait to return and see you all.

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Handout: 10/24/21
Study: 10/31/21

Happy Are The Meek

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus opens with a series of statements known as the Beatitudes. The third Beatitude is “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5). Jesus’ words echo Psalm 37:11, which says, “The meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.” What does it mean that the meek are “blessed”?

First, we must understand what it means to be blessed. The Greek word translated “blessed” in this verse can also be translated “happy.” The idea is that a person will have joy if he or she is meek. The blessedness is from God’s perspective, not our own. It is a spiritual prosperity, not necessarily an earthly happiness.

Also, we must understand what “meek” means. The Greek word translated “meek” is praeis and refers to mildness, gentleness of spirit, or humility. Other forms of this Greek word are used elsewhere in the New Testament, including James 1:21 and James 3:13. Meekness is humility toward God and toward others. It is having the right or the power to do something but refraining for the benefit of someone else. Paul urged meekness when he told us “to live a life worthy of the calling [we] have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 4:1–2).

Meekness models the humility of Jesus Christ. As Philippians 2:6–8 says, “[Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!” Being “in the very nature God,” Jesus had the right to do whatever He wanted, but, for our sake, He submitted to “death on a cross.” That is the ultimate in meekness.

Someone who knows Christ as personal Savior will be growing in meekness. It may seem counterintuitive, but Jesus’ promise stands—a meek person will be happy or blessed. Living in humility and being willing to forego one’s rights for the benefit of someone else models the attitude of Jesus Christ. Meekness also helps us to more effectively share the gospel message with others. Striving for power and prestige is not the path to blessedness. Meekness is.

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KEY VERSE

Matthew 5:5 (NKJV)

*“Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth”*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 5:5; Colossians 3:12; II Tim. 1:7; James 1:19

Introduction

1. List some examples of difficult situations you experienced last week and how you reacted.
2. The cover article states “Meekness models the humility of Jesus Christ”. How has Jesus demonstrated meekness?

Tuesday: Matthew 11:28-29, 26:51-52; Proverbs 16:32

Understand What Meekness Is

3. What is meekness and how it shown in today's readings? How is Biblical meekness different from what our culture thinks about meekness?
4. How is meekness important in our relationship with God and others?

Wednesday: Matthew 5:5a; Isaiah 29:19; Ephesians 4:1-3

The Present Benefit Of Meekness—Happiness

5. What is the relationship between meekness and happiness?
6. How has not being meek in situations caused you more hurt?

Thursday: Matthew 5:5b; Psalm 37:1-11; Romans 8:14-17

The Future Benefit Of Meekness—Inheritance Of The Earth

7. What does it mean that the “meek shall inherit the earth”?
8. Why does it sometimes appear that the proud are getting ahead? What does today's readings tell us about the wicked?
9. Psalm 37 advises us not to fret three times (vv. 1, 7, 8). How does fretting contradict an attitude of meekness?

Friday: James 1:21; II Tim. 2:25-25; Gal. 6:1; Proverbs 15:1

Know When To Show Meekness

10. According to today's verses, what are some situations we should show meekness in?
11. Where do you need to trust God more and not fight for your own way?
12. How can you tell if you are meek? Ask the Lord to search you and show you relationships and situations where you are being proud instead of meek?