

MATTHEW

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “meek” (v. 5, KJV)? What is the first thing that pops into your head?

How can we better understand this word because it is used to describe the following?

- Matthew 11:29
- Numbers 12:3

2. What is it to truly hunger or thirst after something (v. 6)?

Though we are poor in spirit (v. 3), how does the Holy Spirit work within us when it comes to righteousness?

3. Recall the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). What does this parable illustrate about being merciful?

What does the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:23-35) communicate about being merciful?

4. If we are poor in spirit (v. 3) how are we to be pure in heart (v. 8)? (What role does the Holy Spirit play?)

5. Paint a portrait of a peacemaker (v. 9).

- Romans 12:18
- Romans 14:19
- 2 Corinthians 13:11
- Ephesians 4:3
- Ephesians 6:15
- Colossians 3:15
- 1 Thessalonians 5:13
- 2 Timothy 2:22
- Titus 3:2
- Hebrews 12:14
- James 3:16-18

6. What two reasons does Jesus give for persecution (vv. 10-11)?

What is the nature or scope of persecution (v. 11)? Does this surprise you?

Why is there a double-blessing/emphasis associated with persecution?

7. What characteristics are exhibited by those who follow Jesus Christ (vv. 3-10)?

8. What blessings belong to those who follow Jesus Christ (vv. 3-10)?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will sow to the Spirit this week by . . .

I will hunger & thirst for righteousness this week by . . .