

Baycities Lomita Fall 2019 Growth Groups
Series: “Living The Jesus Life” Part 3
Theme: “Happy Are The Humble”- Week of September 22, 2019
Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions

Message Summary: It's He is all about humility this week! Jesus is giving us the qualifications for those who get into His kingdom, and He seems to be confounding the religious hypocrites and opening the door wide for the regular people who knew they were far off from God! He's told us that the spiritual “poor”, those who knew they had nothing to trade for salvation but their sinful selves, and He told us that those who were sorry and sad over their sin... they were the ones who will find salvation and a home in His kingdom! Now... the focus is on the Meek, or the humble. Those who truly fear God and see the differences between the creator of the universe and themselves! We might laugh at that, but self-sufficiency makes many think they don't need God while the humble have a clear view of themselves and God and know they need Him in every way! The humble are not looking for salvation inside themselves; they want God and are urgent enough in their search to consider God's provision of His Son Jesus as the “way” to God that they must take! That's why the humble are in the right frame of mind and heart to come to Jesus, ask for forgiveness, ask Him to be their savior, and humbly follow Jesus as their Lord from that day on! The self-assured are unable or unwilling to humble themselves and they miss God's salvation! But discussing the subject of humility for Believers, humility is a learned activity! We follow Jesus' example and learn from Him! Humility makes us able to keep serving others, and to do so with joy! The greatest in His kingdom Jesus tells us, are the servants of all! Greatness is found in serving- which is so shaped by our humility or lack of it! And the greatest new is... the humble form Jesus, and salvation... and they will inherit the earth! They will serve with Jesus for eternity... reigning with Him as co-heirs of the Kingdom Of God! Now that something to look forward too!!

- 1. Humility is a “Jesus-Quality” that comes from following Jesus and learning from Him.** List out and discuss qualities/examples from Jesus' life where He displayed humility. What do each of His examples teach us to do?

2. Read 1 Peter 5:5-6... and discuss the questions that follow:

1 Pet. 5:5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

- a. What are some important life areas where younger people could seek help or wisdom from those who are older & more experienced than they are? Discuss the potential benefit of submitting in each of those cases?

- b. Can you give examples of how you've seen God show opposition to proud people or actions? What did that experience teach you? Feel free to use personal examples if they apply!

- c. From verse 6, should submitting to God be voluntary for the individual? And if so, should it be done sooner rather than later? Discuss your answer.

- d. What is the benefit of submitting to God and voluntarily giving Jesus the steering wheel of your life? Discuss the possibilities. Why is it hard to do even when we know that Jesus has our best interests at heart? (Hint: consider Verse 6)

5. Are there any issues or questions you have about the message that you'd like to get an answer to? Write it down and discuss or send it to Pastor Ben