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# Cultivate

Growing through the Beatitudes

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# Inheritance

This week we're learning what it means to have an inheritance from God and how God gives His inheritance to the meek and gentle.

## FIRST WATCH THE VIDEO

### [NorthlandChurch.net/Studies](https://NorthlandChurch.net/Studies)

Afterward have someone read the discussion questions in the "Hear God's Story" section and start the conversation.



## Share Your Story

Begin by praying together. This should be a brief, simple prayer in which you invite God to give you insight as you study. You can pray for specific requests at the end of your time together or stop momentarily to pray if a particular situation comes up during your discussion.

***Then begin your time together by discussing the following questions.***

- When do you feel blessed?
- When have you been able to bless someone else?
- What are the circumstances that make it hard to feel blessed?

## Hear God's Story and Create a New Story

### READ MATTHEW 5:5 (NIV) & ROMANS 8:12-17 (NLT)

- What happens to the proud, who follow the urges of their sinful nature (v. 13)?
- What happens to those who are meek (Matthew 5:5) and "led by the Spirit of God" (Romans 8:14)?
- In Romans 8:15, Paul wrote that we "have not received a spirit that makes [us] fearful slaves." What does it look like to submit yourself to sin?
- What does it look like to instead be meek and submit yourself to God and call Him "Abba, Father" (v. 15)?
- What does it mean to share Christ's glory? What does it mean to share Christ's suffering?
- What makes it hard to submit yourself to God? When is a time you saw Jesus meek and submitting Himself to God?
- Whom can you invite to submit to God and become an heir and child of God instead of submitting to sin?

***Give each person an opportunity to share prayer requests.***

## Find Your Story in God's Story

If you feel God is nudging you to go deeper, take some time between now and our next discussion to dig into His Word. Explore the Bible passages related to this session's theme on your own, jotting your reflections in a journal or in this study guide. Want to go deeper? Select a few verses and try paraphrasing them: writing them in your own words. If you like, share them with the group the next time you meet.

### READ PSALM 37:1-11 (NIV)

- Three times in this psalm, David tells us, "Do not fret." What practices does David call us to do instead of fretting?
- What does God tell us about the wicked in this passage? What makes it hard to see evil people seem to prosper in this life?
- What does God promise about those who are meek and hope in the Lord?

### READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:7-16 (NIV)

- What are the things the apostle Paul calls us to beware of in this passage? What are the things we're called to pursue?
- How can we take hold of our inheritance, the "eternal life to which you were called" (v. 12)?
- How can you encourage those in your community to maintain a meek and gentle posture toward God and one another? What are some specific ways you can encourage one another to pursue:
  - Righteousness?
  - Godliness?
  - Faith?
  - Love?
  - Endurance?
  - Gentleness?

**Looking for more questions and reflections so you can keep digging deeper? There's even more to this week's study available on Northland's apps or at [NorthlandChurch.net/Studies](https://NorthlandChurch.net/Studies).**