

Today's Topic: When we don't seem to matter...

Matthew 5:5, Psalm 37:8-11

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Jesus's Promise

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5 (NIV, 2011)

1. The Bigger Picture

"Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away."

Psalm 37:1-2 (NIV, 2011)

2. The Most Reliable Way

"Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:3-4 (NIV, 2011)

3. The Most Effective Way

"The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be destroyed."

Psalm 37:21-22 (NIV, 2011)

4. The Most Peaceful Way

"The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand."

Psalm 37:23-24 (NIV, 2011)

Next Steps: Take your focus on God to the next level.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How would you define "meekness"?
- 2. Read Psalm 37:1-2. Why do people "fret" when those who break the rules win? How does following God's ways keep us from fretting?
- 3. Read Psalm 37:3-4. What can we do to "delight in the LORD"? How does this help us in our daily lives?
- 4. Read Psalm 37:21-22. Why should God-following people also be generous people?
- 5. Read Psalm 37:23-24. What are some ways that God has worked in your life to "uphold" you when you were stumbling?
- 6. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?