

### Have Some Fruit—Gentleness Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 7:18-19; John 15:5;

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# **DAILY DEVOTION**

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 4 day plan on your own or with your group!

https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/319-spirit-of-gentleness

## **INSPIRATION**

"The product of a true, growing, gospel-centered nature is often gentleness.." – Tim Keller

## **ICE BREAKER**

- 1. What is your first thought when you look outside and see snow?
- 2. What do you think of when you hear the word "gentleness?"

## **DEEP DIVE**

## Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

76% of Millennial non-Christians who are interested in exploring Christianity would prefer to do so:

- 1) In a one-on-one relationship with a Jesus-follower
- 2) In a small group made up mostly of non-Christians who are exploring together

They want to explore faith with those who:

- 1) Listen without judgment
- 2) Do not force a conclusion
- 3) Allow others to draw their own conclusions



# Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Matthew 7:1-2 and then answer the following questions:

- 3. How many of your friends are non-Christians? What does it look like to befriend a non-Chrisian person?
- 4. How should a Christian share their faith with a non-Christian?
- 5. After reading Matthew 28 and Matthew 7, what should a Christian keep in mind when interacting with non-Christians?

#### Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

""And I know that gentleness doesn't live in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to be gentle, but I can't. I want to live with gentleness, but I don't. I don't want to live impatiently, harshly, or selfishly, but I do it anyway."

# Read Galatians 5:22-23 and Romans 7:18-19 and then answer the following questions:

- 6. What does it look like to live with gentleness?
- 7. Why is gentleness so difficult for us in our Western culture?
- 8. What resonated with you in this week's message about gentleness?

### Additional Study

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

• John 15:5

## NEXT STEPS

- 9. Take steps to befriend a non-Christian in your school, work, or neighborhood.
- 10. Pray about ways to demonstrate gentleness to others.

## PRAYER



- 1. Pray for the person on your right.
- 2. Ask God to fill you with gentleness this week.

## **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON Serve with us at ABIDE every 2nd Saturday.
- MILLARD Serve with us at Heartland Hope every 4th Saturday.
- FREMONT Serve with us at LifeHouse every 4th Tuesday.
- OMAHA Serve with us at Open Door Mission every 4th Saturday.
- Or get to know your community, are there any needs/volunteer opportunities?