Study Continued

8. Pastor Peter gave three steps in "becoming meek." (opposite). What are they?

For	each	one,	answer,	"How	do I	fulfill	this i	n my	life?
1.									

- 2.
- 3.
- Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Read Romans 8:16-17. What does it mean that we are, "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ?"
- 10. Take a few moments to write down what it means to you to be a child of God.



A STUDY ON THE BEATITUDES

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.." Matthew 5:5

The Beatitudes

- 1. Blessed are the poor in Spirit
- 2. Blessed are those who mourn
- 3. Blessed are the meek
- 4. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
- 5. Blessed are the merciful
- 6. Blessed are the pure in heart
- 7. Blessed are the peacemakers
- 8. Blessed are the persecuted

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Blessed are the Meek

2 Corinthians 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation:

The old has _____, the new has _____.

CHARACTERISTICS OF BEING MEEK

Greek = Praus:

1. _____ to the control of God

2. _____ for the purposes of God

SURRENDERED TO THE CONTROL OF GOD

Joseph:

Gen 45:8 ...it was not you who sent me here, but _____.

The Meek: Recognise the _____ of God in their circumstances

USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF GOD

1 Timothy 1:15-16 How did Paul see the purpose of his life?

2 Corinthians 5:16 From now on we regard no one from a	point
of view.	

The Meek: See others through the _____ of God.

HOW DO WE BECOME MEEK?

The Beatitudes is a progression: Blessed are the _____

Blessed are those who_____ Blessed are the _____

- 1.
- 2. 3.

THE MEEK WILL _____ THE EARTH

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are _____

_____. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and

co-heirs with Christ.

1. Read Matthew 5:1-5. Define meek.

2. In the definition of "Meek" (opposite), there were two aspects that define a person who is meek. What are they?

How would each one be lived out, practically, in your life?

- 3. Read Genesis 45:3-8. After what his brothers had done to Joseph, it's not surprising that they were terrified. Joseph had all the power, he could have done whatever he wanted to them. What was Joseph's response?
- 4. What can we do to better see God's hand in our circumstances?
- 5. Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16. This is a letter from the Apostle Paul to a young minister called Timothy. Paul wanted Timothy to understand that since God had saved him, he now had a new purpose. What was it?

With that in mind, what is our purpose?

- 6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16. We can only fulfill the purpose defined in question 5 if we see others from an eternal perspective. How does this affect how we live, and how we treat others?
- 7. Read Genesis 50:15-21. It is now 17 years since the brothers met up again with Joseph, and they are still afraid that Joseph might bear a grudge. So, they made up some final instructions from their father, Jacob. This saddened Joseph. How did Joseph view his brothers?

Despite what they had done, Joseph went beyond just forgiving them, and chose to bless them. In what way was he going to do this?

When someone has hurt or harmed us, God wants us to be like Joseph. We might feel we have the right to be angry, and justified in having something against them. How does God want us to view them? What does God want us to do for them?