

“I’m No Better Than...”

Series: “No Perfect People Allowed”
(Part 3 of 4)

Discussion Starter: What family / personal traditions do you typically follow during the Easter season?

Explore: Read Luke 24:1-12.

1. After the crucifixion why did women go to the tomb of Jesus (vs. 1-3)? What did they find once they got there?
2. Who suddenly appeared at the tomb and what key question did they ask the women (vs. 4-5)?
3. How did the apostles react to the women’s testimony (vs. 9-11)? What does their reaction indicate about their expectations to see Jesus again?
4. What did Peter do upon hearing the news (vs. 12)? What might he have been thinking once he arrived at the tomb?

Reflect: Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. What was your perception of those characterized by the word “meek” prior to the lesson?
2. Can you think of a time when a friend disappointed you, let you down, or betrayed you (no names please)? How did that experience impact the relationship? Why is it so difficult to practice being meek (placing yourself under God’s control) in that situation?
3. Sometimes we must place ourselves under God’s control, when life is spinning out of control. What is going on in your life today that is testing your patience or pushing your buttons? How can we put those things under God’s control?
4. Jesus was insulted, beaten, and put to death for something he did not do, yet was able to maintain total control. How does the example from Jesus’ life change your perception of what it means to live a “meek” lifestyle?
5. Because Christ lives in us, we can live with strength under control. In what area will you lean on God’s strength today so that you can live with control?

Live:

As a group: Give group members the chance to put their faith in Christ if they have yet to do so. Encourage them to pray the following prayer if they want to cross the line of faith today. “Dear Jesus, I need you. I believe in you and today I put my faith in you. Thanks for dying to save me and forgive me. I ask you into my heart to be my Lord and friend. It’s in your name I pray, Amen.”

On your own: If a friend has let you down, or a circumstance is getting the best of you – what steps will you take to live with God’s strength and control?

Listening Guide Notes

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” –**Matthew 5:5 (NIV)**

Meekness = strength under control.

Put myself under God’s control...

1. When dealing with friends who let me down.

^[23] “They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this. ^[24] Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.” –**Luke 22:23-24 (NIV)**

“Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.” –**Psalms 41:9 (NIV)**

2. When dealing with circumstances beyond my control.

^[41] “He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ^[42] ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.’” –**Luke 22:41-42 (NIV)**

3. When dealing with my enemies.

^[63] “The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ^[64] They blindfolded him and demanded, ‘Prophesy! Who hit you?’ ^[65] And they said many other insulting things to him.” –**Luke 22:63-65 (NIV)**

4. From now on.

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” –**Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” –**Romans 6:4 (NIV)**