WEEK 8: Gentleness

LOVE like Jesus—*Get to know each other*

In your opinion, which Fruit of the Spirit is most lacking in our world today? Which one do you think too many Christians struggle with? Which one do you think we collectively serve as models of?

LEARN from Jesus—*Discuss the lessons of the message*

Discuss some examples from the news of Christians not showing gentleness and respect when dealing with others outside our faith. Give some examples of Christians being great examples of sharing the hope we have in Jesus in a way that displays the Fruit of the Spirit.

Where have you seen this central idea of the message play out in your life: ***It takes unusual strength to be gentle.*** How does Jesus demonstrate it?

Have you ever been in a situation similar to the one we learned about involving Booker T Washington and the woman who mistook him for a servant? How did you react to their mistake? Did you take offense and correct them, or just brush it off?

Reflect on a time when you could have exhibited gentleness but you didn't. How do you think the situation would have been resolved if you had chosen a posture of humility?

LIVE like Jesus—*Apply the message to your life*

Identify characteristics of our personality that make it difficult to cultivate gentleness. Is there one in particular that you struggle with? How you can protect yourself against it taking hold in your heart?