

# Sermon Questions



## Week 8 - Gentleness - Matthew 11:28-30

Remember that our theme for Common Ground is the following:  
The pull of sin is strong, but the living Christ is stronger.  
So open yourself to his Spirit and you will bear his fruit.

### READ MATTHEW 11:28-30

#### Experiencing the Gentleness of Jesus

- What makes us weary and burdened and why can't we get away from it?
- The Greek word for gentleness is "praotes". What does it mean and why should this meaning change the way we think about gentleness?
- If experiencing the gentleness of Jesus is a good thing, is there anything we can do to experience it more?

#### Reflecting the Gentleness of Jesus

- What does being gentle in life bring to us?
- Pastor Dave used three examples of being gentle with the following people:
  - Angry people
  - Skeptical people
  - Sinning people
- Why would being gentle to these types of people allow us to represent Christ better? What other types of people require gentleness?

#### Bonus questions

- Recall the analogy of the yoke, where Jesus invites us to step into the yoke with him: Why do we ask God to remove our pain and discomfort when Jesus wants to walk with us in it?
- Why is Jesus' invitation so different than the world's answer to the problem?
- Does the Holy Spirit create this gentleness fruit within us or is it something that we need to do in our daily life?

