

Faithfulness: Is it Worth it?

1. God's Faithfulness from beginning to end

- a. What does God aim to accomplish in Genesis?
 - i. Multiplying image-bearers across the world who walk in unity and reveal the glory of God.
 - ii. **Genesis 1:28, Genesis 9:1** - "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth"
 - iii. **Genesis 11:7-9** - "From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth"
- b. What does He accomplish in Revelation?
 - i. **Revelation 21:9** - "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
 - ii. **Revelation 21:22-26** - "The nations will walk by its light" "The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it"
 - iii. **Revelation 22:1-2** - "the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations"
 - iv. Image-bearers across the world who walk in unity and reveal the glory of God.

2. God calls for a response of faithfulness

- a. **Romans 3:10-12** - "There is no one righteous" "no one who seeks God"
- b. **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** - Those who don't know God "will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord"
- c. **Luke 2:10** - "good news that will cause great joy for all people"
- d. **2 Peter 3:8-9** - "he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."
- e. **John 3:16-17** - "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
- f. **John 4:42** - "we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."
- g. **Matthew 28:18-20** - "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" ... "surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- h. **Romans 10:12-15** - "¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?"

3. Is It Worth It?

- a. **Philippians 3:7-14** - "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" ... "¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death" ... "¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- b. **Matthew 26:36-44** - "³⁸ Then He said to them, 'My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death'" ... "³⁹ And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.'"

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4. Reflection:

a. Are you a faithful follower of Jesus? Do you find yourself at a place of “not my will, but yours been done”? _____

b. Have you ever sacrificed to respond faithfully to God? _____ If yes, how did God reveal Himself to you through the sacrifice? _____

c. In your own words is being a faithful follower of Jesus worth it and why:

