

Spirit or Flesh

Faithfulness - Week 6
Small Group Questions

16 *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.* ***17*** *For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[a] you want.* ***18*** *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

19 *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;* ***20*** *idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions* ***21*** *and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* ***23*** *gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.* ***24*** *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.* ***25*** *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* ***26*** *Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

Galatians 5:16-26 NIV

1. Who has demonstrated faithfulness in your life?

2. God always remains faithful even when we fall short. How does understanding God's faithfulness towards us change the way we approach being faithful to Him and others?

3. Jesus teaches we should be faithful with what God has entrusted before pushing for what he hasn't entrusted us with. How does this challenge the way our culture defines success and where we place our focus? (Matthew 25:14-30)

4. In Mark 2:1-12, four friends go to extraordinary lengths to bring a paralyzed man to Jesus. What does their example teach us about faithfulness to others?

5. Faithfulness is most often demonstrated in small ordinary moments rather than extraordinary ones. What are some everyday opportunities we have to demonstrate faithfulness to Christ, our families, our church, and our community?

6. Faithfulness requires consistency in both our words and our actions. Why is it sometimes difficult for our words/actions to line up with our ability to commit to them?

7. Where is God calling you to deeper faithfulness? What would be one practical step of obedience look like this week?