



Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: Fruit of the Spirit

FAITHFULNESS

Key Passage: Galatians 5:22–23

*“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, gentleness, and self-control.”*

Opening Question

1. Who is someone in your life you would describe as faithful or dependable? What makes them trustworthy?
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Discussion Questions

Understanding Faith vs Faithfulness

1. The sermon distinguished between **having faith** and **being faithful**.
 - How would you explain the difference in your own words?
 2. Why do you think it's easier for many believers to say they have faith than to consistently live faithfully?
 3. Proverbs 20:6 says, “Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?”
 - Why do you think faithfulness is so rare in today's culture?
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Faithfulness Reflects God's Character

4. How does knowing that **God is perfectly faithful** change the way we approach our own faithfulness?
 5. Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced God's faithfulness even when circumstances were difficult?
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Growing in Faithfulness

The sermon highlighted **three ways faithfulness grows**.

1. Faithfulness grows in a relationship with Jesus

John 15:16

6. Why is faithfulness described as a **byproduct of relationship with Jesus** rather than something we force ourselves to do?
 7. The sermon mentioned the mindset of **"I'll start being faithful tomorrow."**
 - o Where do you see this tendency in your spiritual life?
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2. Faithfulness grows in a healthy garden

Faith grows when we surround ourselves with people who help us follow Jesus.

8. How do the people you spend the most time with influence your faithfulness to God?
 9. Why are **Christian community and small groups** important for spiritual growth?
 10. What are some ways we can remain engaged with non-believers while still protecting our spiritual health?
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3. Faithfulness grows in small moments

Luke 16:10

"If you are faithful in the little things, you will be faithful in large ones."

11. *Why do small acts of faithfulness matter so much to God?*
12. *What are some “small moments” in everyday life where we can practice faithfulness?*

Examples might include:

- *Keeping our word*
 - *Showing up when we commit to something*
 - *Serving without recognition*
 - *Remaining committed in marriage or parenting*
 - *Continuing to pray for someone who hasn't responded yet*
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Application Questions

13. *Which of the three areas challenged you the most this week?*
 - *Relationship with Jesus*
 - *Healthy spiritual environment*
 - *Faithfulness in small moments*
 14. *Where is God calling you to be **more faithful right now**?*
 15. *What is one practical step you can take this week to grow in faithfulness?*
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Closing Reflection

*A U.S. Senator once asked **Mother Teresa** how she could carry the weight of caring for dying children.*

Her response:

“I am not called to be successful. I am called to be faithful.”

Jesus echoes this in Matthew 25:21:

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

*God does not measure our lives by **success** but by **faithfulness**.*
