

Semper Fidelis: Faithfulness

7th Fruit of Holy Spirit

Life Group Questions

Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find? The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him! (Proverbs 20:6-7)

Introduction

Motto of the Marines. Why? They want you to know you can count on them.

1. Faithfulness is foundational Lamentations 3:21-23

The two handmaidens of the covenant: lovingkindness and faithfulness.

God is faithful. Will you be?

2. Promises are pricey

A promise is a stated commitment to certain future behavior, that serves as a foundation for relationship.

No promises → no commitments → no trust → no relationship.

Deceived into thinking that life consists of pleasure and freedom, and have never learned that true joy and life comes from purpose and relationships

3. Are you leaking?

The Spirit is faithful, and He lives in you.

Closing

Where do we go with this?

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1. Icebreaker: If you could just change one thing about the way Life Groups are done, what would it be, and why?
 2. Talk about one or two people that influenced you in your understanding and practice of faithfulness in your life.
 3. The Bible says in Lamentations 3, "Great is Thy faithfulness", talking about God's faithfulness. As was said in the sermon, that is true and wonderful, but it is not what the fruit of the Spirit is about when it says "faithfulness". How does God's faithfulness impact our faithfulness? How important is it for us to emphasize our need for faithfulness and not just focus on God's?

4. The sermon mentioned two aspects of faithfulness being (1) truth/honesty and (2) keeping promises. What do those two things have to do with faithfulness? Does that capture it or are there other aspects of faithfulness that's not included in those two terms?
5. How did the message hit you? Do you have any "so what's" or takeaways for your own life? What might the concept of faithfulness have to do with our life group? Are there any implications for what it means for us to be a faithful church? If our church was being "faithful" what would you expect to see?
6. What part are you playing now in passing on this message of Semper Fideles to the next generation? Children? Grandchildren? Youth at the church? Others?