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Matthew 25:14-30

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The character of faithfulness

The challenge to faithfulness

The foundation of faithfulness

The practice of faithfulness



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Message-based Group Lesson

Overview

As we continue our exploration of life in the Spirit we come to the fruit of the Spirit faithfulness. This quality is one that describes how we orient our lives to live out God's agenda rather than our own. It is our ability to stay true to our commitment to Jesus as our Lord and Savior. It is important to remember that our salvation brings us into a personal relationship with God. We must see, then, that when we sin, it is less about breaking a rule or law as it is betraying someone we profess to love. God is always true to his character and thus to his promises. This provides for us the perfect example of what faithfulness is.

Engaging with each other

1. Share with each other the things that are on your "bucket list."

Engaging with the Bible

1. Based on the overview above, how does the idea of sin being less about breaking a law and more about betraying someone you profess to love help you understand what faithfulness means?
2. Read the following verses and discuss how God's faithfulness encourages you to be faithful: Psalm 36:5, Psalm 100:5, Lamentations 3:23.

3. Read the parable recorded in Matthew 25:14-30. This story illustrates the principle of faithfulness. How would you define it based on this parable? How is it rewarded? What kept the third servant from being faithful?
4. As you read the next parable (Matthew 25:31-46) identify examples of what being faithful to God's agenda might include.

Engaging with our lives

1. How would you describe how you set priorities in your life? What is the core motivation for what you do?
2. What would being more faithful look like in your life right now? How might cultivating faithfulness change your bucket list?