



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

What is your favorite candy?

Is there someone in your life that you would classify as faithful? What characteristics make them faithful?



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Last week Pastor Chris gave everyone homework to write down the names of individuals who love you well and whom you can love better. You were to thank the person who loves you well and you were to work on practicing loving the other individual better.

1. Share with the group what your experience was like when you thanked someone for loving you well.
2. What happened when you practiced loving someone else better this last week?

This week Pastor Kevin spoke about influencing others through faithfulness and that over the long-haul, a faithful life is an influential life. Jesus was faithful to His disciples, His word and people. Because of His faithfulness, Jesus' influence grew.

We read in the Bible to trust God and have faith in what He tells us through scripture. But sometimes, we forget what He tells us, we worry and we try to take matters into our own hands.





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3. What has God told you recently that reminds you of His faithfulness to help you overcome something you are going through?

It's easy to depend on ourselves and to forget what God tells us about His faithfulness. But just as God is faithful to us, we are to show faithfulness to Him in our lives. Our influence with others grows as we are faithful to Him and what He has called us to do.

When we chase influence instead of working on faithfulness, we are likely to overpromise and underdeliver, exhaust ourselves, break promises and disappoint ourselves and others.

4. How have you chased influence over faithfulness in your life?

It's never too late to live a faithful life. Pastor Kevin gave us four ways to faithfulness.

The first way is to be **faithful in the little things**.

Read Luke 16:10

God wants you to be faithful with the small things in your life; things other people may avoid that you are faithful with.

5. What are some small things in your life you can be faithful with?

The second way to faithfulness is to be **faithful to your word**.

Read Proverbs 20:7





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When we are faithful to our words, we do what we say we are going to do. People can trust that when we tell them something, we will follow through.

6. Are you someone who keeps their word? How can you practice being faithful to your word?

The third way to faithfulness is **faithful to focus**.

Read Luke 9:52

When we focus on what's in front of us and quit focusing on our past, we can faithfully follow what Jesus is asking us to do.

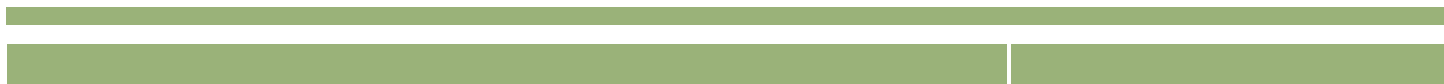
7. What have you missed because you were too focused on the past?

8. Where do you need to look forward and focus on what God is called you to do?

The last way to faithfulness is to be **faithful to finish**.

Jesus finished His mission, for us, when He took our sins on the cross. He asks us to finish what He has called us to do as well.

9. What do you need to finish that God has called you to do?





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PRAYER

God, you are faithful and true. You sent your Son to be the ultimate example of faithfulness for us. Please help us be faithful in the little things, to be faithful to our word, to focus on what you called us to do and to have the heart of a finisher. Show us where we lack faithfulness in our lives and help us utilize the ways of faithfulness to grow to be more like you. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week, spend some time seeking God and asking Him where you lack faithfulness in your life. This could mean there's opportunity for some repentance and growth. Ask Him to reveal where you need to be faithful in the little things, your word, focus and finish. Come back next week with what God reveals to you and how you plan to grow in your faithfulness.

