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Rooted in Faithfulness

GROUP GUIDE

GOAL

To help us grasp the relationship between our faith and faithfulness

BIG IDEA

You can't have faith without faithfulness.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What is the longest that you have ever held a job?

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

Did Pastor Chris say anything that spoke to you during the sermon?

Were you challenged by anything?

What did you learn about faithfulness that you previously did not know?

GOING DEEPER IN THE SCRIPTURE

Read Matthew 25:14-30

In the parable three servants are each given units of money according to their ability. Two of them are able to double their master's money while the third simply buries it for his return.

Why is the third servant chastised for his returning the money entrusted to him?

In the parable the master entrusts his money to his servants. God has equipped each of us with varying gifts to serve his church. What gifts has God entrusted you with and how are you using them to further his Kingdom?

The master continually rewards those who are faithful in this passage (v.21, 23, 28-29). When have you seen your faithfulness in something small lead to God entrusting you with more?

Read Hebrews 11:1-40

Hebrews 11 is considered to be the Hall of Faith, the stories of the great people from the Old Testament who chose to radically trust in God and consequently saw him move in incredible ways.

How does Hebrews define faith?

What do you see in common with these stories? Which of these stories do you resonate the most with? What character of faith inspires you?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

In James 2:26 we read that, "faith without works is dead." How has your faith in God caused you to act differently from those around you (in your work, family, etc.)?

If a lack of faith is ultimately rooted in a lack of trust, when has fear caused you to not step out in faith?

LIVE IT OUT! ACT IT OUT!

If faith produces faithfulness in my life, what areas is God calling me to be faithful in? How can I trust him more in order that I might become the person he is calling me to be?

PRAYER

As we are discussing faith this week, ask your group members to talk about one thing they are believing God for. Take time to pray together through those things. Also take time to share additional prayer requests with one another and pray for the needs present.

