

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Faithfulness

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Scripture: **Proverbs 3:3–4**

Series: **The Fruit of the Spirit**

OVERVIEW

God calls us to be faithful, but this is not an arbitrary requirement. He gives us the principle behind the precept. This week's sermon looked at the "what, why, and how" of Christian faithfulness—exploring the main idea that **we are saved by a faithful Savior and called to faithful service.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

1 Corinthians 4:2, Deuteronomy 7:9, Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 John 1:9, 1 Corinthians 10:3, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Hebrews 10:23, Psalm 33:4, Psalm 36:5, Hebrews 3:1-2, Revelation 1:5, Revelation 19:11, Hebrews 2:17, 2 Timothy 2:11-13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about someone you know who has demonstrated Christian faithfulness—what did it look like? Is faithfulness a uniquely Christian trait?
2. What is faithfulness? What is unique about *Christian* faithfulness?
3. In the sermon, faithfulness was defined as, "An unwavering commitment that is born of love and endures trials and temptations." A commitment to what? To whom? How are faithfulness and stewardship related?
4. What kinds of trials and temptations serve as obstacles to our faithfulness, and what should we do about them?
5. What motivates us to faithfulness? When scripture talks about the faithfulness of God, it very often includes a reference to His steadfast love (e.g. Exodus 34:6, Deuteronomy 7:9, Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 40:10-11). How does God's faithfulness inform and inspire our faithfulness?
6. How do we develop a faithful character? As a fruit of the Spirit, what can we say about the origin of faithfulness in us? How is God's faithfulness described, and why is it helpful to focus on his faithfulness?
7. How do we see faithfulness in Jesus and what does this teach us about faithfulness?
8. Do you find comfort in Christ's faithfulness for us, to us, and through us?