

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
WEEK 08
THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS

- *Pistis* – faith
 - Maintain faith or allegiance
 - Firm support
 - Constancy
 - Trustworthiness
- To be faithful is to be trustworthy or steadfast in one's character
 - Conversely, to be unfaithful is to be unworthy of confidence or belief
- Since God is consistently/always true he is the logical object of human trust
 - In the Old Testament, the word faithfulness often refers to God's unwavering commitment to his promises
- Human Faithfulness
 - Faith is more than a momentary agreement to the truth of God
 - It is a commitment to that truth, manifested in continued/consistent obedience
 - An attitude that should characterize the entire life of those who say they have faith in God
- God's Faithfulness
 - His faithfulness is great
 - Lamentations 3:23
 - He is loyal & His steadfast love will endure forever
 - Psalm 136
 - Jesus is the ultimate example of faithfulness
 - He was obedient to the Father in all things
- When we are faithless
 - Confess & repent
 - Remember what God has done for you
 - Rely on God for all things
 - Romans 1:17

- Examples of Human Faithfulness in Scripture
 - Hebrews 11:1-40

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what areas of your life do you lack faithfulness?
2. Who is someone that you know that you would label is being faithful? What actions or characteristics make you think that?
3. What can you do to choose to be faithful each day in your life?
4. God is faithful to us; in what ways do we see his faithfulness in our lives?
5. How should God's faithfulness towards us transform how we think, act, speak, & treat others?
6. What are some concrete things you can do to choose to be faithful in your life?
7. What should our response be when we are unfaithful to God or to someone else? What should our response be when someone is unfaithful to us?