

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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FAITHFUL

Foundational Practice: SERVING FAITHFULLY (MATTHEW 5:16)

We put the Gospel on display as we serve others in our family, workplace, and community. How have you lived this foundational practice out this week? Where are there areas of hypocrisy which are diluting the integrity of your life of faithfulness?

1. The sermon covered the distribution of the land of promise to the tribes of Israel. What stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
2. Read Joshua 14:11-12. Caleb's confidence in the faithfulness of God led him in his old age to conquer the land of his inheritance even though formidable giants were living there. How has your life highlighted or impugned the faithfulness of God this week? How can you better reflect God's faithfulness in the way you speak to others, serve others, pray, and obey God and those in leadership over you?
3. Loving confrontation, service, and faithfulness were marks of Joshua's leadership which God used to challenge the children of Israel to be faithful in conquering the land (Joshua 18:1-6, 19:49-51). Who has God used in your life to mentor/challenge you towards greater faithfulness in your relationship with Jesus? How are you different as a result of their influence in your life?

"The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God. It's a way of overcoming every obstacle to everlasting joy in God. If we don't want God above all things, we have not been converted by the gospel."

-JOHN PIPER

4. In what ways do you agree or disagree with the quote above? Read/Recite John 3:16-18. How does John Piper's quote enhance or challenge your understanding of the scope of the gospel?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

The sermon challenged us to be faithful to God, and by implication, for Him to be your first love. What have you loved more than God this week? What idols are tarnishing or impeding your fidelity toward God? Confess these idols to others in your group and prayerfully ask God to help you be more devoted to Him