



FAITHFUL

Foundational Practice: Intentionally Pursuing Community

As the family of God, we enjoy a shared experience of life with God. We encourage one another, pray for one another, stir up one another to love and good works (Heb. 10:23-25), and grow together as we walk through conflict in a God-honoring way. How were you intentionally pursued in community this past week? How did you intentionally pursue others this week?

1. Brad gave an overview of Genesis 1:1 to the time of the Israelites living in Egypt. What stood out to you in the teaching and why?
2. How does understanding God's character—good, merciful, gracious, faithful, loving—impact how you hear and process God's Word? How do you see God's character in hearing the background and history leading up to the book of Joshua?

“There is none like you, O LORD; you are great, and your name is great in might. Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.”

- JEREMIAH 10:6-7

3. **Read Genesis 12:1-3 out loud.** What three things did God promise Abram, and why is this significant as we begin the study of Joshua?
4. An overview of Genesis reminds us of the following:
 - God is faithful and still in control. He has not changed.
 - God is working out His purposes in creation.
 - God is good and can be trusted.

How does hearing the above statements reframe how you think about God and how you think about your life and circumstances?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Set aside a few minutes to sit with the Lord and praise Him for His love, mercy, grace, faithfulness. Take a moment to ask yourself, “What relationship or circumstance in my life right now is challenging how I think about God?” Share this with the Lord. Ask Him to remind you of His character—that He is faithful, good, and trustworthy. In what ways can you meditate on God's character this week and allow His character to shape how you are processing and viewing your relationships/circumstances?