

TALK IT OVER

FAITHFULNESS OPENS DOORS

DIG DEEPER

The Bible teaches that living a life in the Spirit produces fruit. **Galatians 5:22-23** explains that the fruit is more like a combo of things that the Holy Spirit produces in us. Among them is faithfulness. The word faithfulness implies that something has stood the test of time. We can see from Scripture that God is faithful (**Psalm 89: 30-33, 1 John 1: 9 and 2 Timothy 2:13**).

Just as God is faithful to us, He expects us to be faithful to Him. **Proverbs 3:3-4** tells us that we should tie faithfulness around our neck and write it on our hearts. Notice that our faithfulness is the only thing that approves of us before God and people!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. In **2 Tim. 2:13**, what does God mean when he says he can't deny who He is?
2. Why do you think God's approval, as well as peoples' is fully dependant on our faithfulness?
3. What is your greatest obstacle keeping you from being faithful to God (*like Matthias*)?

"If you are faithful in the little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.

- Luke 16:10 (NLT)

SIMPLICITY

In the book of Acts we find the story of a not-so-well-known hero. His name is Matthias (**Acts 1: 21-26**). After Judas betrayed Jesus and committed suicide, there was a prophecy that said they should replace him to complete the group of 12 apostles. In prayer, the apostles cast lots, and chose Matthias to complete the 12. The interesting thing about all this was the qualification needed for the position. The only requirement needed for the highest position of Christianity (*apostleship*), was that the person needed to have been present the whole time since Jesus' baptism until he was taken from them.

God still searches for people who would walk in obedience and are willing to answer His call. For those Matthias of this day and age, God promises they will receive many blessings (**Proverbs 28:20 NLT**). Ask those present to look inside and ask themselves if they follow Jesus the same way during good times as in bad times. Pray together! *Class # 7*

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISM (Bill Baggs State Park)
NEXT STEPS COURSE

March 6 (9am)
March 7 (9am via Zoom or Live)