



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022 | WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

*During our summer series, we're using our group time to explore how Jesus modeled the Fruit of the Spirit and how we can live them out too. This week our focus is on **faithfulness**.*

WARM-UP QUESTION

Share about the most faithful pet you've owned or animal you've interacted with.

DISCUSS

- If you could define faithfulness in your own words, how would you describe it?
- Where do you see the greatest need for faithfulness in our world today?

Jesus displayed faithfulness in many ways during His time on earth, but His greatest act of faithfulness was dying on a cross on our behalf, enduring the punishment that we deserved. For the next few minutes, we'll read more about that and what He calls us to do in response.

Have someone read **Matthew 16:21-23**.

- Where do you see Jesus living out the fruit of faithfulness here?
- What stands out to you about Peter's response? If you were in Peter's shoes, how do you think you would respond?

Continue the passage by reading **Matthew 16:24-27**.

- What is your gut reaction to Jesus' words in these verses?
- What pressures or lures make it hard to live this way?

Read **Hebrews 12:1-3**.

- What motivates or inspires you in these verses?
- What challenges you personally when it comes to living out this kind of faithfulness?
- As a group, circle or list all of the action words in these verses. Which one do you need to work on most this week?

RESPOND

- Spend a few minutes in quiet reflection, and ask God what He's prompting you to do in response. Share with the group your personal goal for the week and when you will do it.
- Pray together out loud, asking God to help you be faithful in following Him.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!